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■ Ghost of Apartheid:

South African President F.W. de Klerk's reforms will continue. Even though the vote is being seen as a move for equality between the Afrikaners and the displaced, disenfranchised native Africans, only the whites were allowed to vote in a referendum that would effect about 40 million people. As the world awaited the historical outcome, instead of being seen as a move forward it is being seen as a mark at square 1 for native Africans. Either way, Afrikaners benefited as they were the only voters. But, for blacks, it still means the continued toll of blood, sweat and tears in their quest for a Democratic society.

— SOUTH AFRICA

■ Hypertension High

Among Blacks: Blacks are more likely than any other ethnic group to contract high blood pressure, according to a recent study from the American Heart Association. As a group, African Americans develop the disorder much earlier in life, and suffer death or disability from high blood pressure-related disease in far greater proportion than whites. As a group, African Americans have stroke death rates nearly twice as high as whites, are up to five times likely to die of chronic heart failure, and are 18 times more likely to obtain high blood pressure-related kidney failure than white Americans. The AHA is emphasizing the importance of getting this information to the black community so steps can be taken to reduce it and improve the situation among blacks. For more information send a stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope to American Heart Association, Box A, 7320 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75221.

— DALLAS, TX

First Fidelity provides capital
for City National Bank

Civic benefactors: UNCF, BUF, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, St. James Prep

NEWARK — City National Bank of New Jersey recently announced that First Fidelity Bancorporation is acting as the catalyst

in providing a major capital infusion for New Jersey's only African American owned commercial bank.

Instead of making a direct investment in City National, First Fidelity is taking the unprecedented approach of donating funds to local

"Not-for-Profit" organizations, stipulating that these organizations invest the funds in the common stock of City National Bancshares Corporation, the holding company that owns City National Bank.

Jerome D. Greco, Senior Vice President of First Fidelity Bancorporation, has worked very closely with City National Bank President Louis Prezaau in arranging this capital infusion. City National, like many of the state's banks, suffered losses in recent years. The losses eroded its capital base and the bank had to shrink its size from over \$90 million in 1986 to its current

\$52 million. A new management team was installed in 1989, and the bank's prospects have improved steadily since that time. City National showed a modest profit in 1991, its first since 1987, and the bank continues to show progress.

"The progress City National is making would occur much slower without the support of First Fidelity and Jerome Greco," stated President Prezaau. "In our search for capital, First Fidelity moved to the front of the line and agreed to help. Jerry Greco worked hard to assure that the help actually came."

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(from left to right) Barbara Bell, executive director Boys' and Girls' Clubs, Lloyd Oxford, NJ Director Black United Fund, CNB President Louis Prezaau, Jerome Greco, VP, First Fidelity, and Rev. William Wadley, pastor, St. James AME Church discuss deal agreement between First Fidelity and City National Bank.

Photo by Glen Friesen

Commentary...

Character counts, Mr. Clinton!

by Carolyn L. Bennett, Ph.D.

Character may not count among the good ole boys in Arkansas. But it counts among women and black Americans. Ask former Illinois Congressman Alan Dixon and "Gus the Savage," Democratic primary voters didn't forget Anita Hill, and they didn't forget the Peace Corps volunteer. The voters came down on the side of character.

Mr. Clinton, too, needs to hear our message. Character Counts, Mr. Clinton! Honesty and integrity count.

"Grit" in integrity is not the singular form of breakfast eaten on

the hustings in Georgia. Nor is lip-smacking eagerness to mud-sling with fellow Yale alumnus George Bush. Grit is the heart and soul of integrity. Spiritual courage that won't be compromised.

A person of integrity is unswayed, unimpaired. Uncompromising in his adherence to a code of moral values. The sword and shield of integrity is not deception, artifice.

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A View from the Side Lines

Media treatment of the
African-American athlete

by Fern Taylor

A lot of high profile African-American athletes are making more news off the field than on the field

these days. Names like Mike Tyson, Dwight Gooden, Vince Coleman, Darryl Boston and Darryl Strawberry have been dragged through the mud because of recent allegations of wrongdoing. Even "His Airness," Michael Jordan, has had his unspeakable image tarnished because of a gambling probe.

Some blame the media for this phenomenon. Others say the media is just the messenger, that it's not their fault that the message delivered is one of infidelity, rape, gambling or some other wrong doing.

How do you feel about today's media coverage of today's athlete — especially today's African-American athlete? Is it fair? Are black athletes treated the same as the white athletes?

My feeling is that the black athlete will always come under more unfair scrutiny than other athletes. I'm not making any excuses for the black athlete — if you're wrong, you're wrong and should pay the price. But what many people fail to realize is that the degree and the intensity of scrutiny by the media and the general public is always much greater when the athlete accused of wrongdoing is black. Much more is said and much more is written. This is a problem.

Many people don't believe this. They feel like excuses are being made when you talk about the problem.

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Plainfield council grapples over
paying adjunct attorney

by Denise Germain

PLAINFIELD — Based upon an interpretation by Plainfield's acting corporation counsel, a proposed resolution that would authorize the



(from left to right) Essex County Prosecutor James Mulvihill; Essex Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper; and Police Chief Harry Harman, take part in the "Violence in Schools" seminar.

EAST ORANGE — Violence in the schools and methods for prevention in Essex County were the topics outlined on March 25 as law enforcement officials, and school administrators met in East Orange.

Essex County Prosecutor James F. Mulvihill, East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper, and principals from East Orange and Newark elementary, junior and senior high schools as well as police and security professionals were some of the featured participants.

"Here in East Orange we recognize the importance of violence prevention in our schools," Mayor Cooper said. "All of these agencies here today and parents must take an active role in guiding our youth to positive programs and people."

According to East Orange Police Chief Harry Harman, "The growing incidence of violence in the New York school system leads us to develop this program to take a closer look at violence in our schools and how we can prevent situations such as those in New York from happening here in East Orange and surrounding communities."

Chief Harman added that the workshop is the first in a series of topical discussions involving subjects of mutual concern facing both law enforcement and communities.

The workshop was divided into three segments: "An Educational Perspective: Violence in Our Schools." Participants included: Joseph Brown, Principal Louise A. Spencer School in Newark; Thomas Leto CFC, Principal, Essex Catholic High School; Dr. Lawrence Pigeau, Principal, East Orange High School; and Nathaniel Potts, Principal, West Side High School in Newark.

The student segment of the workshop addressed "Student Concerns Regarding School Violence," and included Jeremiah Briggs and Tobias Fox of the Alternative High School.

The third segment, "School Safety: Security or Police," included Bruce Harman, Jersey City State College; Robert Blackwell, East Orange Board of Education; Robert Roberts, Captain and Norwood Hickson, Sergeant, East Orange Police Department.

East Orange Kennedys get a
boost for business

EAST ORANGE — Expansion is in the near future for T&T Shirt Art, Inc., as the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, through its new division — the Urban Development Corporation — recently presented the company with a check for \$486,000.

"I'm excited — it's a pioneer deal for me," said Clementine Kennedy, who owns T&T with her husband Thomas. The loan was presented at East Orange City Hall during a ceremony announcing the new program.

Mrs. Kennedy added that because of this loan, a company that has been off the tax roll for 15 years will be back on. She also said that the expansion will allow for approximately 36 new jobs.

The Kennedys acquired a 17,000 square foot building on Main Street. They hope to lease the first floor to

retail and commercial tenants and use the second floor for T&T Shirts, which designs, paints and sews items such as shirts, jackets, sweatshirts and novelty items.

The newly created Division of Urban Programs combined the resources of two state entities and City National Bank of New Jersey to help the Kennedys get the financing for their expansion plans.

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CITY PEOPLE

Mel Blount heads National Penny Campaign

SOMERSET — Mel Blount, former Pittsburgh Steeler and National Football League (NFL) Hall of Famer, has been named chairman of the first Annual National Penny Campaign by Penny Lovers of America Board of Directors.

The Penny Campaign which will be conducted nation-wide through to May 31, 1992, has a national goal of one million pounds of pennies and the general public is asked to save one penny per day. Approximately 100 professional athletes and entertainers have been recruited by Blount to assist in the national campaign.

Blount, who strongly urged the

public to join in on "this most worthy effort," also said that, "in addition to the athletes and entertainers, we are seeking local penny coordinators, church and community leaders and businesses to participate in this effort. We believe that because of our status as professional sports figures and entertainers with national media exposure, our personal participation in this National Penny Campaign will greatly inspire and motivate our youth to maximize their talents and develop their full potential."

The Penny Lovers of America Inc. is a non-profit organization organized and founded in 1984 by

Richard E. Barber of Somerset. Barber is its national president.

Penny Lovers, according to Barber, was organized to raise scholarship funds for African American high school students, and to develop community and economic development projects. The organization also seeks to convey a message of "self-help, self-reliance and Economic Empowerment" to a African American.

Barber, who is also the author of the book, "The Economic Empowerment of African Americans (Let the Church Say Amen), A Guide to Church Based Economic Development," also pointed out that, "our

goal is simply to recycle the millions of pounds of non-productive resources (pennies) now in shoe boxes, closets, dresser drawers, under beds and car seats across this nation and help students get an education in the process. The education of our young people is our responsibility and the National Penny Campaign is an unique and creative way to assist in that effort."

Participation in the campaign may be made through Mel Blount, Chairman, National Penny Campaign, Penny Lovers of America, Inc., PO Box 6141, Somerset, NJ 08875-6141 or by calling 908-873-3825.

Daffodil Days in Newark



Newark Library Read-A-Thon marks National Library Week

NEWARK — In conjunction with the New Jersey Connection, the Newark Public Library is sponsoring a children's read-athon in celebration of National Library Week. The read-athon will be held on Wednesday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Centennial Hall. The theme of this year's National Library Week is "The Right to Know."

The read-athon will focus attention on reading through one of the best ways to encourage a love of books and learning. During the read-athon, families will learn about the resources libraries offer to assist in reading and learning together.

Children and adults will read and listen to others read selections from stories, folk and fairy tales, nursery rhymes, and poems. Readers include corporation and community leaders as well as teachers and students. The audience at the read-athon will receive complimentary books and much more.

Groups expected to attend include the Newark Boys and Girls Club, La Casa de Don Pedro Children's Academy, and other preschoolers.

Admission is free and open to the public. The Library is located at 5 Washington Street. For more information, telephone 733-7797.

Plainfield council grapples

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for his service at the March 9th session, Mayor Harold Mitchell would not sign it. The council would legal advice from an outside, objective source for some matters that could go into litigation.

Several councilmembers assured Williamson that they had the right to hire their own ad hoc counsel, on a case-by-case basis, based on information provided by Seth Benjamin, a state official. Benjamin appeared before the council last year in order to provide them with some legal advice on charter issues.

The resolution states that Bernstein's services are effective "March 9th until matters are resolved," and his services are not to extend beyond the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992.

This same resolution was tabled at a regular council meeting on March 16th because several councilmembers had some questions about how much compensation would be paid. The resolution said

an hour, but not to exceed \$800. At the March 16th meeting, former corporation counsel Rowland Clark also advised the council that they could not hire their own counsel and that he would not cooperate with hiring Bernstein as special counsel when the services had already taken place.

Councilwomen Helen Miller and Elizabeth Urquhart stated that they did recall the state official telling them that they could hire their own counsel and even brought copies of articles that appeared in a local daily newspaper, discussion the meeting. Councilwoman Miller also stated that the administration council should not serve both city council and the administration. "You can't serve two masters," she said.

When asked if she thought there would be a major problem in paying Bernstein, Council President Fahemah El-Amin stated that it will work itself out, and that the attorney should be paid for the ser-

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Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulker

Interracial Relationships

Here are excerpts from a long letter that I recently received.

"Dear Dr. Faulker: I am a 42-year-old white woman and a psychiatric social worker. Your articles on Relationships Between Blacks' struck home for me because I live with my boyfriend who is a 42-year-old black man."

"We have been lovers for 15 months and he still calls me white whenever he is upset with white people on his job or elsewhere. It's always 'you white people are no good.' I strongly believe that a person's color does not speak of a person's character, and I have always treated him as a very special individual. Sometimes he will not speak to me for days at a time. Then, he apologizes."

"He seems to be extremely troubled and does not want to go out with me anymore. I have tried everything that I can think of. He is afraid of violence toward him for being with me. He will not go to counseling and ridicules my profession. Is this problem part of interracial relationships, or is something else wrong? What should I do?"

Signed, Ms. K., New Jersey."

Dear Ms. K.: Your problem with your male friend is common in interracial affairs in this society.

Your friend grew up in an atmosphere of racial insensitivity and abuse. He was made to feel inadequate simply because of his skin color. Each day, even now, he is disappointed solely because he is black.

Because of your intelligence and education, it should be of no

surprise to you that your friend is suspicious of white people. No black person has ever abused him due to his race.

This is the reality of our society. Interracial racism is risky; it carries this heavy baggage of historical racism that is a part of every person's psyche.

An approach that you might use would be to refrain from responding in any way at all to your friend's critiques of "all white people." Act as if you do not hear these remarks, but continue to prove your love, and character with your behavior. After all, your counter comments may tend to provide him with the very opportunity that he needs to release his pent-up frustrations. If you allow the issue to pass, perhaps his anxiety will pass, too.

It is, in my opinion, unrealistic to expect that his attitude, or deep-seated antipathy, will disappear permanently. After all, your friend most likely confronts racism everyday that he goes out into the public. Your other alternative would be to ask him to undergo lengthy psychoanalysis. But, this is unrealistic in view of the fact that your friend's response is related to a real-life situation and not to fantasy.

In a racist society, the potential for physical violence directed your way is always there. Interracial couples have been insulted, beaten, even killed. It makes sense to take precautions. Unfortunately, I am not able to provide advice regarding personal psychological or emotional problems without personal interviews with the involved individuals.

Good luck, Dr. Faulker.

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NEWARK — "The City of Dreams," will be performed at Essex County College at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. through to April 25. For more information call 201-877-4420.

JERSEY CITY — "Airscape" will be shown at 1 p.m. at the Five Corners Branch of Jersey City Public Library. For more information call 201-547-4524.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
NEW BRUNSWICK — Lucy by Jamaica Kincaid, will be discussed by the Minority Literature Club of New Brunswick at 7 p.m. at the New Brunswick Free Public Library on Livingston Avenue. For more information call Treva Ryle at 908-220-1994.

JERSEY CITY — A two-part workshop on "Math for the National Teacher Exam," will be conducted at Jersey City State College. Part two will take place on April 30. For more information call 201-300-3094.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
LAMBERTSVILLE — The Shad Festival will be held through to April 26 in celebration of Shad swimming up the Delaware River. Juries arts and crafts, continuous live music, food vendors, and other highlights will be featured. For more information call 609-397-0555.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26
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MONDAY, MAY 4

SOUTH ORANGE — Arnold Rampersad will address the Library of America Edition of "The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr." as part of Seton Hall University's Poetry-in-the-Round series. For more information call 201-761-9098 or 201-761-9098.

MAHWAH — Gentile Harcan - Women and the Holocaust, will be discussed through to the 30th at the Art Gallery of Ramapo College. For more information call 201-761-9098 or 201-761-9098.

NEWARK — "Our Global World - Latin American Novel, 'Love in the Time of Cholera,'" will be the discussion topic of the Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society of the Newark Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 201-624-6930.

THURSDAY, MAY 7
NEW BRUNSWICK — The Street by Ann Perry will be the novel discussed by the Minority Literature Club of New Brunswick at 7 p.m. at the New Brunswick Free Public Library on Livingston Avenue. For more information call 908-220-1994.

ELIZABETH — The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Day will be held at 11 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse on Broad Street.

MONDAY, MAY 25
SOMERVILLE — The Tour of Somerville, the oldest continuous major blues venue in the country will be held. For more information call 908-725-6461.

FRIDAY, MAY 29
MAISON — An exhibit featuring Beverly Buchanan's "Shocks," will be displayed through to June 26 at the Schering-Plough Headquarters Gallery.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
BELMAR — The 35th annual New Jersey Seafood Festival will be held through to the 14. For more information call 908-681-2900.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26
NEW BRUNSWICK — "Any Tom's The Joy Luck Club" will be discussed by the Minority Literature Club of New Brunswick at 7 p.m. at the New Brunswick Free Public Library. For more information call Treva Ryle at 908-220-1994.

FRIDAY, JULY 17
READINGTON — The New Jersey Festival of Ballooning will be held at Solberg Airport through to June 19. The event features a balloon race, picnic, an auto show, ethnic foods and more. For more information call 908-226-8733.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
EAST RUTHERFORD — The Hamiltonian, the premier championship harness race, will be held at the Meadowlands Racetrack amidst open fields, carnival

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Media treatment of the African-American athlete

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licity of the act rather than the act itself. Yet the coverage of the act—especially when guilt or innocence has not been determined—can be damaging, demeaning and border on character assassination. The image of a person is indelibly altered by what is written in the newspapers and what is said on the TV newscasts. The image of the African-American athlete takes much more of a pounding than that of other athletes.

Take Darryl Strawberry for instance. In his book "Darryl," the

Straw is at his opinionated, arrogant best. You can never fault the man for not stating his opinions—whether you agree with them or not is a different story. But the media coverage of this book was vicious and relentless. Several statements—especially the alleged disclosure about Doc's use of cocaine during a period when Doc denied using cocaine—were taken way out of context. "Straw stabs Doc in the back" was the headline.

Darryl never said that Doc used cocaine, only that "he would not be surprised if..." Doc used cocaine

because all of the turmoil surrounding the Mets during that time. Yet, because Straw made allegations of racism against the Met organization and had some more unkind words for the New York media, the "stab a friend in the back" angle was perfect to raise the ire of an already offended public. Unless you examine the situation behind the headline, you'd believe that Strawberry and to a lesser extent, co-author Art Rust, Jr. were serious low lifes.

There's so much more that can be said on this topic—I'll have more to say at a later date.

Lloyd Henry featured at St. Peter's Black Awareness Celebration



JERSEY CITY — Lloyd M. Henry (second from left) teacher of the handicapped at Newark Regional Day School, was a featured speaker at the St. Peter's Preparatory School Black Awareness Celebration. Held in conjunction with Black History

Month 1992 and sponsored by the Prep Ebony Club, the forum focused on the past, present and future of African Americans. Additional speakers at the event included (l-r) Prep sophomores Q'ud Jacobs, freshman Victor Odhumbha, S.J., a Je-

suit priest from Kenya; Freshman James Joyce, S.J., president of the Jesuit school; Ebony Club President Lmani Viney, a Prep senior and the son of Lloyd Henry; and senior Matthew Fleming.

Morris County Urban League sponsors conference for employment, small business

WHIPPANY—"Valuing Diversity" is the theme of the first annual Morris County Urban League conference for employment and small business development.

The conference will be held on Thursday, April 23 at the Hanover Marriott Hotel in Whippany. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The conference is designed to encourage corporate human resource personnel, corporate purchasing managers, and small business

owners to become more aware of the bottom-line advantages of a diversified multi-cultural business environment. It will also provide ample opportunity for local, state, and community representatives to highlight business activities and opportunities available to their constituents.

The conference will also address the most prevalent but often overlooked issue of the physically challenged in the work force. Workshops will cover such topics as writing

a business plan, marketing your small business, addressing the skills gap. "The Glass Ceiling: Fact or Fiction," and communication in a diverse work environment.

To receive registration information please contact Theresa V. Long, Director of Employment and Economic Development, Morris County Urban League, 27 Market Street, Morristown, NJ 07960 or call 201-539-2121 or 201-539-8946.

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City National Bank

Although First Fidelity did not want to invest in City National directly, causing the bank to possibly lose its minority owned status, Greco was determined to find a way to assist City National.

First Fidelity's donation was made to The United Negro College Fund, The Black United Fund, The Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Newark, St. James Preparatory School, and another non-profit organization to be named later. These organizations will be required to invest the funds in City National Bank. Dividends from the investments will be used to provide funds for the organizations' activities.

This type of assistance from First Fidelity, with City National Bank and the organizations benefiting, is believed to be the first of its kind. Anthony Terraciano, Chairman of First Fidelity, stated "City

National Bank is an asset to Newark and the state of New Jersey. As the only African American owned and operated bank in the state, City National is an institution that we should all take pride in." Greco stated "City National's current management team has shown the ability to operate the bank profitably even in these difficult times. The investment being made will give the bank capital needed to grow and continue providing services to the community."

"There are many noble causes that could have been funded but we were happy with their act of faith in our project," said Dr. William Waitley, pastor of St. James, the largest AME church in New Jersey. "The funding will allow St. James to create the prep school which will offer college preparatory courses to the 500 students in grades 7 through

12. Barbara Bell, executive director of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs said, "We feel this is an exciting and wonderful opportunity," adding that a good portion of the money will be used for scholarships. The Boys' and Girls' Clubs teaches a variety of skills for young people, preparing them for mainstream adulthood, while also making practical use of their leisure time.

"We realize the importance," Ms. Bell continued, "We are really excited that First Fidelity has come to the forefront to help our city."

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The Black United Fund, which encourages self-help and self-sufficiency throughout the state's black community by way of volunteerism and financial support for community organizations, will continue to do so due to the First Fidelity, City National endeavor.

"As a statewide philanthropic organization, we are proud to become shareholders of New Jersey's leading financial institution," said Lloyd Outford, BUTF's president.

"Together in partnership, we can continue the economic and social welfare empowerment of the black community," he said.



Mayor Robert L. Brown (l) proclaims April as Substance Abuse Awareness Month as he holds a poster, "Keep Saying no to Drugs," being distributed by the Orange Alliance Organization. Nora Williams, chairperson of the group holds the tee shirt. The group will host their annual reception April 24 at the Applan Way in Orange at 7 p.m.

Plainfield kicks-off paper recycling projects

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell recently announced that two pilot paper recycling projects will go into effect starting April 8, continuing to May 2.

"Our goal is to meet the State's challenge of 60 percent recycling by 1995," Mayor Mitchell said, adding, "Nearly half of what is disposed in landfills is in the form of paper products which can now all be recycled."

Curbside collection of newspapers will continue as usual, every other week. Items such as telephone books, magazines, office paper, corrugated cardboard, and junk mail are handled differently.

The first recycling drop-off drive will be for the recovery of old telephone books. This program will begin on Wednesday, April 8 and continue until Saturday, April 25. The second, will be

a one-day drive to recover magazines, office paper and other mixed paper such as junk mail, on Saturday, May 2.

In the first drive the City is participating in a program sponsored by Bell Atlantic and the Union County Utilities Authority to collect old telephone directories. Bell Atlantic will provide a container which will be situated at the Rock Avenue Transfer Station.

Anyone, may drop-off their old directories at the transfer station from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the weekdays.

However, in order to encourage higher participation, a mobile recycling station will be set up at the rear parking lot of the Plainfield Public Library on three successive Saturdays, April 11, 18 and 25, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for telephone book drop-off only.

On Saturday, May 2, in a separate program in cooperation with Plainfield Paper Mills, Inc., the Plainfield Public Library will also have a special one-day magazine, junk mail and mixed paper drop-off. On this day the Library will also be conducting its Book Sale.

The pilot program involving the mobile recycling station, will serve more than just a drop-off operation. It will also provide educational material to all who pass through with valuable information regarding residential and commercial recycling, backyard vegetative waste composting, bulky waste and household hazardous waste disposal.

In addition to the drop-off, Plainfield Recycling Coordinator, Ismel Sierra will be conducting a recycling program opinion poll and litter survey.

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EDITORIAL

Religion, a way of our lives

This week's City News includes a supplement saluting the role of the black church in the black community. We know that religion, regardless of faith, is one of the staples of our people and has kept many of us going when it seemed like we didn't have anything else.

Black history books and slave journals are full of stories about slaves gathered in secret with a Bible, a preacher, and the need to hear the "word." Blacks have always calmed the teachings and wisdom of the Lord to get them through tough times. And it's been just part of our nature to thank the Lord for our blessings.

As you read this educational, joyous, and inspiring, collectable, take time to reflect on how important and significant religion has always been to your brothers and sisters and how in this time of depression, strife, hatred, and hurting, the religious spirit is just as necessary now as it has always been.

A lot of people say that the reason why today's society is faced with so many broken families, drug abuse, teen pregnancies, crime, and other problems, is because people have gotten away from the church and have abandoned their gods. We don't know if one leads to the other, but we do know that since the beginning of time, religion has been the cornerstone of our people and has defined so many of our leaders. Just think of some of the black people who have distinguished themselves in these United States of America—a great number of them have been ministers or have had a close association and relationship with religion. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James A. Bevel, Sr., quickly come to mind.

So, when you read through the Salute to the Black Church—Feeding the Flock, share it with your families and reflect on just what religion has meant to you in your life and how it will impact your children's lives.



by Connie Woodruff

Things may or may not be peaceful in Essex County despite the political policies now that it's official county chairman Ray Durkin will not seek re-election for a 13th term in a job he's held for 12 years. Durkin's "voluntary" action clears the way for county committee people to choose a new leader that may or may not include some of the veterans who served with him. But it's almost a foregone conclusion Queenie James of Newark's South Ward will also step down (or be voted out) as county vice chairman. It is traditional for the county chair to choose (or recommend) a running mate of his or her preference.

Years ago when the current county committee Steve Edelstein ran against Durkin for the chairmanship, his choice for vice chair was Essex County Register Larrie

West Stalks. Edelstein lost badly in that political gambit but has been a rising star in the party hierarchy ever since. West Stalks has remained at the helm of elected offices and her visibility in the party has not even come close to that afforded Edelstein although she took the greater risk in challenging the Democratic leadership.

It is assumed that Essex County Executive Tom D'Alessio will get the chairmanship after the June primary but already others are eyeing the juicy plum and names are flying fast and thick of potential contenders to the throne.

Some of the names we hear are Tom Giblin, head of a big local of Operating Engineers union members. But will Giblin be willing to vacate the office of Sergeant to be a fulltime political party boss?

A wild card in the deal is rumored to be former county executive Peter Shapiro but he appears to

be as far fetched as a candidate as former Newark mayor Ken Gibson who appears to be enjoying the seclusion of a successful entrepreneur. And this week the names of Rev. Ralph T. Grant, a Newark community organizer who supports desperately want him to run for mayor against Sharpe James and the North Ward (Newark) political maverick, Stephen Aducci, Sr. but Steve has always seemed to prefer making kings (and queens) instead of being physically on the throne.

Since the Democratic Party is alive and well and very much in control of Essex County, it's unlikely a black will win the chairmanship. We only seem to get these important votes when death is imminent.

Meantime, the coalition that went to bat for a black sheriff (who they didn't get) and a black prosecutor (in Essex County) last year, still have periodic meetings to make sure they're together to swing into action if need be.

At a recent meeting of members of the group it was decided the time to begin pressuring for a permanent county prosecutor is now and that Governor Florio be reminded folks in Essex have not abandoned the idea of a black in the job.

Folks had kind of settled down when they thought Florio had been convinced Municipal Judge Bob Minor was an acceptable choice. But many months have passed and people were so involved in the tiff between D'Alessio and Durkin administration that it diverted.

Most assumed the governor was not taking action because he wanted to stay as far away from Essex's internal problems as possible. But the war of the giants appears to be over, the governor and his representatives will find the coalition ready to renew their demand for a person of color to succeed Herb Tate, Jr.

The governor has not indicated whether or not he will run for reelection but in case black Democrats in Essex want to make it perfectly clear he has to give something to get something and they won't be happy with a South Jersey import no matter how many favors Florio still owes to his constituents south, west or north of Newark.

Newark was among 16 school districts that refused to let the state Department of Education publish its miserable SAT scores in the state's second annual "report card" on student performance.

No wonder, those who have seen the scores report Newark students place more than 200 points below the state average. Hardly a record to be proud of and that's among so-called professionals, not what surely says crows given

a school budget that is almost prohibitive for the state and local taxpayers.

When Mayor Sharpe James heard Superintendent Eugene Campbell refused to release the

district's 1991 SATs, he was "upset" but when he heard the superintendent's rationale, he was "outraged."

"This is a slap in the face to every parent, child and resident of this city," James said. "We cannot continue to make excuses for poor performance on tests...we should not be preparing our children for work in fast-food restaurants or to sweep floors, but to compete in a global marketplace."

As a former high school teacher in the Newark system and professor at Essex County College, Mayor James remains acutely aware of the importance of education and a strong advocate for excellence in education. Continuing student failure is enough to make him swing into action at any given time.

Campbell said in a statement to the daily press, he did not release information because it was unfair to compare Newark students with their suburban counterparts, saying the needs of an urban district are different.

James disagrees with that reasoning. "I'm just horrified by his statements," the mayor said of Campbell.

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He added, "If the superintendent thinks that our children, the majority of whom are African-American, are inferior, he should resign. I find Mr. Campbell's position on this issue totally unacceptable and I fear that this attitude may be pervasive throughout the board of education." He said board members with such an attitude need to be replaced.

A spokesperson for the mayor noted one of his priorities is jobs in Newark for New Yorkers. "This means a labor pool able to perform a variety of jobs, including those calling for skills in today's technologies. This cannot be achieved if schools fail to turn out a product that can function in the labor market of the twenty-first century."

Obviously Mayor James has every intention of entering the fray in behalf of Newark's school children. He has scheduled an "emergency meeting" with Campbell, the board of education and members of the city council.

Not all of the decline in students in Newark schools are due to declining performance, chronic absences or drop-outs. An inordinate number of parents opt to send their children to parochial and alternative schools despite the added expense.

Most Newark students who enter four and two-year colleges take remedial courses, particularly in math and communications skills. Nearly half of them drop out of college after one semester. Some return in later years.

people can only get into on condition of servitude.

Of course, Mr. Clinton says he would do it again—but only after Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder takes him to task. "It is inconceivable to me," says Wilder, "that a sitting governor would either accept membership or recreate in a club that opens up discrimination against blacks and other minorities." [Taken from Los Angeles Times, March 20, 1992.] It is in the character, a flawed character, Mr. Clinton is willing to use women and black Americans for his purposes. But he is no more able or willing to serve women and black Americans as president of these diverse United States than George Bush is.

Clinton and his national corporate media would like us to think it's over. But it is not over.

It won't be over until American casts and counts its final votes, and the message is clear and unmistakable. Character counts, Mr. Clinton. Honesty and integrity count.

Desegregation, '92

Separate and still unequal schooling

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

...And they are still separate and unequal. The Supreme Court decision permitting an end to federal court supervision of school desegregation orders, further demonstrates the abandonment of the high court in the land's commitment to racial justice. The decision of the high court decreed that desegregation was to proceed with "all deliberate speed," in the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka decision on May 17, 1954, it never really happened.

In the vast majority of public school systems all across this country, students attend schools which are primarily segregated. When efforts were made to integrate white nation's schools, most whites either pulled their children out of those public schools, or moved out of those towns and communities where desegregation orders were enforced. The real goals and desires of the African Americans sought to achieve in our ongoing struggles against the racist and unjust laws which we have been the victims of since our ancestors were brought to these shores, were obscured, and

the fight for quality education, equitable funding, and equal opportunities for our children were ignored and generally forgotten as the focus centered on so-called desegregation, and integration.

The decision by African American leaders and organizations to challenge the "separate but equal" doctrine of 1896 in the courts, was made because they realized that the public schools (as they still are—even now) were the perpetrators of white supremacy. Black schools received unequal funding, and the educational services which were available to African American children were far inferior to those offered to white children. Whether at the books, supplies, or crumbling buildings which had inadequate facilities, it was very clear that the schools which African Americans attended were not only separate, but also definitely unequal. It was absolutely correct for the schools to be the battleground for the fight to achieve equal rights in this area. But over the years, something happened which took the focus off the real issues.

The desire by many leaders and organizations to integrate into the mainstream of society, and the emphasis on the fundamental issues and concerns which plagued our community (and still does) was lost, as well as people allowing the

white media to redefine our struggle. The right for every child to receive a quality education is where the spotlight should have stayed focused. On Black parents were, and still are, concerned about their children being given the same opportunities as white children. Since we are taxpayers, and Americans, we should expect that the money spent on our children be equitable. We should expect that our children have curriculums which recognize their people's contribution to the human race, and the enhancement and development of civilization worldwide. We should expect that their dignity and self-respect be just as important as any other white child's. We should expect that the curriculum, while trying to explain or apologize to the white controlled media they were using certain tactics. This made them stray away from keeping their own communities informed about what the real issues were. The message was lost or distorted, and even worse—redefined. Busing as a tactic was fine, but as a goal just to achieve integration without achieving the objective of the right to a quality education was doomed to encounter resentment and confusion, and it did.

African American parents became frustrated, because they had to watch their children being brutalized and traumatized by white racists who spat at, stoned, harassed, physically and mentally abused our children, as they tried to attend, and in some cases, did attend those

schools located in all white communities. Putting five- and six-year-olds on a bus to go into this hostile environment, just didn't seem to achieve the desired results.

The last twelve years of the combined Reagan and Bush administrations attacks on the rights of African Americans' civil rights and protection under the law, have paved the pathway to the backward and reactionary retreat on any gains made in this area. The appointment of right wing justices, who seem to be committed to dismantling all the gains made by African Americans and other oppressed nationalities, as well as women, are the sad legacies we will be stuck with for many years to come. Their opinion in this recent decision, highlights the lack of morality, integrity, and justice, in the Supreme Court at this bleak time. By allowing the federal courts to continue to supervise of school desegregation orders, fully knowing that the Fourteenth Amendment rights of thousands of African American children are still being violated in these school districts, is simply, inexcusable.

The decision should make our leadership stop and think about how we can, and must, re-focus our efforts to the goal and objectives that we still have never achieved: making sure our children receive equitable funding in our school districts, and that they receive an education which offers them a chance for liberation, not enslavement. A quality education for all children is what we want, and that is what we should keep first and uppermost in our minds as we plan and develop future strategies.

Commentary...

Character counts, Mr. Clinton

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ciality, expediency or shallowness. The sword and shield of integrity is, under sincerity, honesty, and candor. The United States of America needs leadership with moral "grit" and Mr. Clinton is not the person for such a demanding act of public service. No matter his IQ or the prestige of his university, it is the content of the man's character that's at issue.

Character matters, Mr. Clinton. Until I read a recent editorial in [a popular women's magazine], I thought I was the only one concerned about Clinton's character. [The magazine's] Editor in Chief affirms and validates my concern.

"We know the way a man treats women in his personal life is connected to how he treats women in his politics," Robin Morgan writes. "We think that matters. Neither prudish nor puritan, we know how it feels to be humiliated while the 'cast off' other woman," we know it hurts; we mind. We think real issues include the hypocrisy of male politicians who arrange secret abortions for their mistresses or daughters while publicly denouncing a woman's right to choose. [We're] tired of Jekyll-and-Hyde politicians, of double standards set by men with the power to deny or limit our pri-

vate right to self-determination over our bodies while they hide their scandals—sexual, fiscal, or otherwise—behind 'privacy'. These people run our planet; we deserve to know about their character."

Clinton is made for television. Made by national corporate media. They decided he was the front-runner. They made up the question to poll the people by say Clinton was the front-runner. Then they "reported" out the garbage they had put in the first place.

American media delayed airing reports of Clinton's scandalous behavior, the polls did not measure the people's concern about the candidate's character. But the vote told the story—in New Hampshire as well as in Connecticut. Despite the national corporate media's smearing and Paul Tsongas' suspended campaign, he still pulled in 20 percent of the Connecticut primary vote. [A New York daily newspaper] reported on our chest like "more than half of the Democratic primary voters said they would like to see someone else (other than Brown and Clinton) enter the race." The voters "were evenly divided over whether Mr. Clinton has the honesty and integrity to be President."

Character counts, Mr. Clinton. The women of America care about

character. They see the correlation between personal and political: fidelity at home, fidelity abroad. Faithless. Faithless to contract between government and people. Faithfulless. Faithfulness in upholding the Constitution as it benefits all Americans.

Women and black Americans care. But it was what happened in Illinois with Gus Savage and Alan Dixon and New Hampshire and Connecticut the kind of independent spirit that is evident in other communities—particularly among eligible black voters.

It is not true that the vast majority of us give far too much for far too little? Either we don't bother to register and vote (give up our birthright) or we sell it for a pair of shoeshine. They smile. We shine.

A slick politician comes into our churches, slaps us on the back and gives us his broad smile; and he bows down to his shoeshine boys. We stick our chest like the good preacher interviewed on public radio from Thomaston, Georgia, before Super Tuesday. On Sunday morning we tell the flock, this is our vote for him. Assured in the black vote in Thomaston, Georgia, the slick politician goes on back to Arkansas and kicks up heels in a whites-only country club that black

Quote of the Week

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

A book review...

The Friends by Rosa Guy

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by SA Clarence H. M. Coggins III

Take two teenage African girls and put them together. What could be easier than a friendship between them? A great many things if they are Phyllis and Edith Jackson.

The story of their friendship begins a few months after Phyllis, age 14, and her sister Ruby, age 16, move from the West Indies to live in Harlem where her father Calvin Cathy owns a restaurant. None of the children in the school like her except one of the girls she detests the most, Edith, age 15. While the other children tease Phyllis, or Phyl as Edith calls her, about being West Indian and her intelligence, Edith still wants to be her friend. Phyl, on the other hand, wants nothing to do with this poor, uneducated

plined, American "ragamuffin." It isn't until Phyl realizes that the only way she is going to survive in this new environment is by finding a friend, that she begins to consider returning Edith's affection. Her mind is totally made up after she is jumped by her classmates and Edith takes her under her protective wing, saving her from danger twice in one day.

However, like life, being friends is a difficult proposition. Especially when Edith turns out to be a thief. To complicate matters more, like his daughter, Calvin doesn't approve of untidy, poor children. He considers Edith to be a "gina" and to his ill wife Ramona, "The one thing I know is I don't want people looking that way in this house. They don't go with the furniture." Will Phyl go against her father's wishes and see Edith? Will

Phyl ever come to fully accept Edith as Edith accepts her? Will Edith ever wear stockings that don't bag and have big holes in them? The answers to these and other earthshaking questions are to be found in the rest of the book "The Friends" by Rosa Guy.

Many similarities, between Guy's work and Neil Simon's *Odd Couple* can be found. Both contain friends who offer a total contrast to each other. Phyl is very similar to the character of Felix Unger in temperament and habit. She is quick to make judgement and condemn people. Edith, like Oscar Madison, has come to terms with life on a easy going basis. It is from this inner peace Edith derives her strength.

Both works' main themes focus around the discovery of self. Phyl, who serves as narrator, is just like Felix who had to find himself in

order to return to his wife. It is this search for an identity which drives the story of "The Friends" forward. In a radical departure from Simon's plot Guy's story is laced with a multitude of sub themes and plots which relate directly to the African Experience. For example, the prejudices exhibited within the African community with regard to American blacks and West Indian blacks is illustrated; the conflicts between the black middle class, working class, and underclass are also examined; and finally the tensions between the police, city agencies and blacks of the 60's Harlem are part of the background problems the friendship has to overcome.

This book is the first book in the Trilogy of "Ruby" and Edith Jackson. It offers valuable insight into the Caribbean American experience. It is easy to agree with the statement in Guy's biography that she "reveals an intimate knowledge of the special challenges of growing up in the inner city, while also skillfully depicting the concerns of adolescents everywhere such as peer pressure, developing sexuality and an increasing need for independence." This is one book the entire family could benefit from reading again and again.

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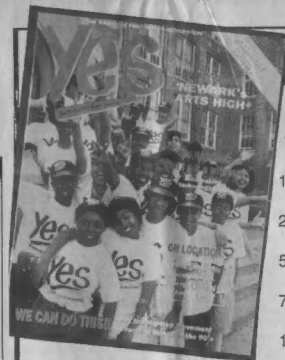
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Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. (1865-1953) Builder of America's Largest Negro Congregation



The world's largest Negro congregation is the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York. Established by Thomas Paul and eighteen other Negroes in 1808, this church has over 15,000 members and is a major force in the total life of the Negroes of New York City. A community in itself, the Abyssinian Baptist Church is the elongated shadow of one man — Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.

Born in a one-room log cabin set on five acres of hard scrabble dirt in the backwoods of Virginia, Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. built the Abyssinian Church to the point where it could care for thousands of the needy, furnish recreation for hundreds of the young, and serve as the seat of power for a United States Congressman.

Powell started life in a hurry. As a seven-year-old, on his first day at a rural school, he learned his alphabet, and on the second, could recite backwards. His family, composed of sixteen brothers and sisters, could not afford to send him to school regularly. Between school sessions, Powell worked at the mines of West Virginia. Finally finishing high school, Powell decided to enter the ministry.

In 1888, he entered Wayland Academy, now Virginia Union University, and worked his way through the institution as a janitor and waiter. After graduating from Wayland Academy, he continued his education at Yale University School of Divinity. While at Yale he served as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in the small Negro community in New Haven.

In 1908 Powell became pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church which was then located opposite the present site of the Herald Tribune. At this time the church had a membership of 1600 and an indebtedness of \$146,354. In 1921 the church was moved to its present location and housed in a \$350,000 Gothic structure of New York bluestone.

In addition to building the church, Powell was a vigorous crusader against vice and prostitution. When the Depression of 1929 reached Harlem, Powell opened soup kitchens which served thousands of meals. With his son, Powell was in the forefront of the Harlem push for job equality and for a fair share of the city's services.

After twenty-nine years, Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. retired in 1937. The Abyssinian Baptist Church had 14,000 members and \$400,000 in assets. Before he died in 1953, Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. had the satisfaction of seeing his church continue its growth and service in the hands of his son and heir, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

(Taken from Ben Alpert Richardson, *Great American Negroes* (New York, 1945), pp 185-196; *Who's Who in Colored America*, 1950, pp. 422-423.)

Help-A-Saurus parenting tip on weight control for children



WESTFIELD — Are you one of many parents who are concerned about your child's weight?

To help your child, your first step should be to consult your child's doctor. Never attempt to place a child on a weight-reducing diet without medical supervision. Most often, the goal for young children is not to lose weight, but rather to maintain current weight while height increases.

Meals and snacks served to the overweight child should be the same as those served to other family members.

Dieting all alone can lead to resentment rather than loss of excess fat. It is important that family members be supportive of the child. Don't focus entirely on weight and eating. Your child has many positive qualities and should know that you recognize them.

Exercise is also important to weight control. Parents should encourage their children to become involved in activities such as walking, bicycling, swimming, and team sports. If the whole family can participate in these activities TO-

GETHER, your child may enjoy these sports more, and you will be encouraging exercise as a form of recreation.

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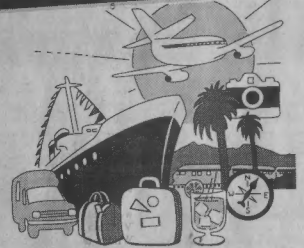
Essex County residents make JCSC's Dean's List

JERSEY CITY — Eighteen Essex County residents were among the Jersey City State College students named to the Dean's List for the 1991 fall semester. Students maintained an average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The students include: Prabh K. Alwis and Antonia Zangari from Belleville; Emmanuel Nwotite and Dester Price from East

Orange; Robert Benjamin for Irvington; Maplewood resident Jason Nagelborg; Newark residents, Daniel L. Antunes, Paul Augustine, Joyce Henry, Stephanie Hill, Antonio Oliveira, Shonda Smallwood, Lynette Torres, and Raul Ulloa; Hamele Kassa of Orange, and Sukyung Bang, Dennis Buoye, and Matthew Rauch of West Orange.

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Religious Calendar

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

DUNELLEN — The Dunellen United Methodist Church will host its 80 annual Arts and Crafts Show. Artists and crafters are invited to participate. For more information call 908-755-0265 or 908-752-0265.

ENGLEWOOD — The Willing Workers Club of Bethany Presbyterian Church will have their Palm Sunday breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Perren Hall, 62 Palladium Avenue. For more information call 201-587-1132.

PLAINFIELD — The 85th Anniversary Committee of the Shiloh Baptist Church will present the Shiloh Players in a special performance play of "No Matter What." The production will be presented at Plainfield High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. For more information call 908-768-8375.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

SUMMIT — "The Role of Black Colleges in the Black Experience," is the focus of the seventh topic in an ongoing church school series of Black History studies at the Fountain Baptist Church, 116 Glenstone Avenue at 9 a.m. The discussion will be led by Dr. William A. Allen. For more information call 908-273-1190.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

NEWARK — The Newark-North Jersey Committee of Black Churches and Churches of Newark and vicinity will present their Holy Week Back to God City-Wide Crusade Rapture through to April 17, each night at 7:30 p.m. Services will be held at the Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 210 Clinton Avenue. For more information call 201-434-3030.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

PLAINFIELD — Families Trust in God, Inc. will meet for its planning session from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 908-668-0100. Also, family night will take place on April 22.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

PLAINFIELD — Crescent Avenue Church will be hosting their annual Good Friday Concert at 8:15 p.m. at the church located at 716 Waching Avenue. They are welcoming area singers to participate. For more information call 908-768-2468.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

SUMMIT — Four of New Jersey's top jazz musicians will perform at St. John's Lutheran Church at 587 Springfield Avenue at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 908-272-7018.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

PLAINFIELD — Families Trust in God, Inc. will meet for family night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 908-668-0100. A Tribute to all Mothers will be held on May 13.

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Surplus postal jeeps join Newark crime patrol



From left: Deputy Chief Michael O'Connor, Deputy Chief John Mease, Mayor Sharpe James, Police Director William Celester, and Deputy Chief Joseph Santiago are shown with one of the new 18 surplus jeeps recently purchased from the US Post Office and converted to police vehicles.

NEWARK — The Newark Police Department has recently purchased 10 jeeps from the United States Post Office in Newark and converted them to police vehicles to supplement the City's Community Policing Program.

The vehicles, which have been painted and totally refurbished for a

cost of \$1,500 each, are equipped with fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and other emergency supplies and will specify the letter (A or B) of the patrol section to which they are assigned.

The Newark Police Department, the first in the country to use jeeps that position the driver on the right

side, had 20 officers trained by the Postal Service at its Jersey City plant.

The officers driving the vehicles will carry flyers and pamphlets listing community meetings and activities along with the locations and telephone numbers of mini-precincts which they will distribute on their

rounds.

Police Director William Celester noted the "uniqueness" of the vehicles and the fact that the jeeps can be used in all types of weather conditions as opposed to motorcycles, scooters, or the mounted patrols.

"The jeeps are slower moving and provide greater maneuverability and access to the public due to their size and positioning of the driver's seat on the right side, he said."

Mayor James lauded the police department for "another creative and innovative program to increase services to Newark residents." He further

mentioned the complete fleet of vehicles the City possesses, from mounted police to heavy four wheel drive sports trucks, noting the only thing the fleet lacks is helicopters.

"The City will gladly accept the donation of the helicopter and we have two officers trained as helicopter pilots," boasted James.

Kennedys get loan

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The new Division was set up under the direction of Governor Jim Florio to better address the unique financing needs of businesses in urban areas and to increase economic development in New Jersey's cities.

Urban business owners wanting more information about available financing should contact the Division at 609-292-1890.

PRINCETON — Paul Dietrich, Chief of Security for the Newark Housing Authority is one of the nine "Good Guys" to be honored on April 23 by the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey, a non-partisan, state-wide organization dedicated to the election and appointment of women to every level of government. The award will be presented at a dinner at the Princeton-Forrestal Village Marriott.

Dietrich, who joined the Newark Housing Authority in February 1990, is being honored for encouraging the hiring, training, and advancement of women in law enforcement. Since he took command of the 161 security personnel at the Housing Authority, 42 or 25 percent of the personnel are women. Of the 11 security supervisors, 25 percent are women. Earlier this year one of those women were responsible for the identification and capture of an escapee from the Newark jail.

In addition to Dietrich, other "Good Guys" are Dr. David T. Abalos, Professor of Religious Studies and Sociology, Seton Hall University for writing and lecturing on multicultural gender scholarship; Stephen DeMicco, former director of the NJ Democratic State Committee for his consistent support of his wife's political and professional activities (organized to Jeanne Fox, deputy commissioner, NJ Department of Environmental Protection and Energy); South River Police Chief Francis X. Eib for his supportive involvement in the enactment of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991; NJ Senator William L. Gormley, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee; former Bergen County Assemblyman Bennett Mazur; NJ Assemblyman Robert J. Martin, for his contributions as a member of the NJ Commission on Sex Discrimination in the Statuses; Trenton Times columnist Harry Sayen and Edward Teitelman, director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs at the NH Department of Human Services for the design and implementation of the School-Based Youth Services Program.

For more information on the awards ceremony contact Janice M. Newman at 201-372-2465.

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Nufrio Foundation helps unemployed

NEWARK — The Philip Nufrio Foundation for Economic Development recently directed a food distribution program aimed at helping unemployed residents of Essex County. The Foundation's mission is to find solutions and alternatives to the problems of unemployment and economic distress within the county.

The Foundation was able to obtain a donation of over 2,000 boxes of cookies from Parco Foods, Inc. Social service agencies who received the food were: the Light-house Community of Newark, the Girl's Residence of St. Lucy's, the Missionary Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine's Church, St. Rocco's Church, the Mount Carmel Guild, Columbus Hospital and Glen Mead Hospital. Also receiving food were the Branch Brook Seniors, Building 24, the Old Guard of Bloomfield, and the Bloomfield and Belleville Civic Center Seniors.

Helping in the food distribution efforts were William Sarkozy, president of Students in Free Enterprise of Essex County College, students Debra Webb, Gregory Simms, Paul Mathias, Denise Glasgow, Veronica Steele, Newark Board of Education candidate Delcio DaSilva, and Joseph Savini of Newark.

Anyone wishing to assist or a donation to support the foundation in its activities may write to the Nufrio Foundation, 551 Valley Road, P.O. Box 1105, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043 or call Del DaSilva at 201-817-8817.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

NEW YORK CITY — John Hicks, Jesse Davis, and Walter Booker will perform through to April 11 at Bradley's located between East 10th and East 11th streets. For more information call 212-228-6440.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

JERSEY CITY — "Jazz Focus," will feature a concert from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Five Corners branch of the Jersey City Public Library. For more information call 201-547-4543.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

BRIDGEWATER — "You Can't Take it with You" will be performed at the Pappalardo Center, 120 Fendrine Avenue at 7:30 p.m. Another show will take place on April 11. For more information call 908-846-5032.

IRVINGTON — OnStage in New Jersey will present *Costly Live and Sudden Change* at Irvington High School. For more info, call 201-242-8110.

NEWARK — "Peacem," a play by Steve Carter will be performed at Newark Symphony Hall through to May 3.

EDISON — "Par for the Course" will be performed Fridays and Saturdays during the month of April at the Edison Valley Playhouse at 2186 Oak Tree Road. For more information call 908-755-4654.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

HACKETTSTOWN — "A Lovely Sunday For Creve Coeur," will be featured April 21 at the Centenary Stage Company, 420 Jefferson St. For more info, call 908-852-1400.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

PLAINFIELD — Edward Plonon Jr. will appear in concert in a performance of *Paul, We Hardly Knew Ye: Robeson Remembered*, from 2-5 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library located at Eighth Street and Park Avenue. For more information call 908-757-1111.

NEW YORK CITY — Mike LaDonne, Christian McBride, and Vernel Fournier will perform at Bradley's located between E. 10th and E. 11th sts. For more information call 212-228-6440.

Radioscope...

Tony Terry's Never-Say-Die Success It was a long dry spell between albums for Tony Terry. His first in 1987 with the R&B dance hits "Lovey Dovey" and "She's Fly." In 1991, he proved he could recapture his earlier success with the top twenty R&B song "Head Over Heels" and his smash top five hit, "With You." He's kicked off 1992 with another single, "Everlasting Love," and it looks like it's heading for the same success as "With You." Like many African-American artists, Terry started off singing gospel music. And while it looks like he has strayed, he says nothing could be further from the truth. Fact is, Terry says his new single, "Everlasting Love" is a gospel tune. Says Terry: "I think the song has been annotated. It's saying thank you Jesus, for giving me a love that will never die." By now just about everybody knows that Tony is a single parent raising his daughter Tonya. Although, he and Tonya's mother are now civil to each other, he went through an ugly custody battle. Tony and Tonya are very very close, so all you sisters out there hoping to hook up with him for all the wrong reasons, watch out for his daughter. "When she reacts negatively to a person, I usually don't see them again," Tony says. "She, however, has been my savings grace and kept me out of a lot of trouble." Right now, Tony's busy working on his next album.

From the PP&T (People, Places & Things) File: Prince has a way of staying in the news, and this week was no exception. Prince has confirmed plans for a 50-date European tour this summer. The tour is to make-up for last year's proposed UK concert at Blenheim Palace, which made some promoter a lot richer after he ran off with all the money and left thousands of Prince fans with worthless tickets and no show. Prince will exchange tickets

from the Blenheim concert with valid tickets for the new tour. It's estimated that this will cost him \$800,000.

All the members of the Jackson family will lend their input to the ABC mini-series — "The Jacksons: An American Dream." All except for LaToya, that is. Producer Stan Margulies says the program will delve into the family's troubles of adjusting to success. But LaToya's tales of sexual and physical abuse won't show up on the screen. Marlon Jackson will work on choreography, recreating some of the old Jackson moves.

Last year, Yvette Marine filed suit against Virgin Records for failing to give her proper credit for singing co-lead on several songs for Paula Abdul's debut album, "Forever Your Girl." Back then, Marine said her beef was with Virgin, not Abdul. But what a difference a year makes. Marine recently filed a \$5 million dollar lawsuit against Abdul, her manager Larry Tollin and Virgin Records co-president Jeff Aynoff for defamation of character. The suit is in response to statements which implied Marine was lying when she claimed to have sung co-lead on Abdul's songs.

Could there be wedding bells in Oprah Winfrey's future? Her beau Steedman Graham seems to think so. When asked about nuptials during a recent interview on "Inside Edition," Steedman shocked his talk show companion with the response, "we're moving in that direction." But Oprah still contends that she's not ready for marriage. In related news, Oprah will begin production on the ABC special "The Denise Month Story," April 13th. It's also been reported that Oprah and Aerosmith may be singing beautiful music together on his next solo project. The two shared the mike on her Valentine's Day Show. Steedman, on the other hand, is hoping to host a new syndicated show called "Sports Lifestyles." The program, described as "Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous" for athletes, is set to debut in 1993.

Feedback Lines Got a question or comment about your favorite star or anything you've heard on the scope? Then call our feedback line. Carole Anderson of New Orleans and James Jemison of Buffalo were on opposite sides of the fence when it came to Ice Cube. And Carole, you're right, there are some black people out there who aren't doing anything to try to get ahead and they don't have anybody to blame but themselves. But there are plenty who bust their behinds everyday trying to get ahead and have to face the kind of racism Ice Cube is talking about. Like James said, a lot of what Ice Cube says is true. So while we understand where you're coming from Carole, it doesn't make Ice Cube wrong. Got something you want to say? Just call the Feedback Line at 213-257-2354. Our automated machine is ready to take your call 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

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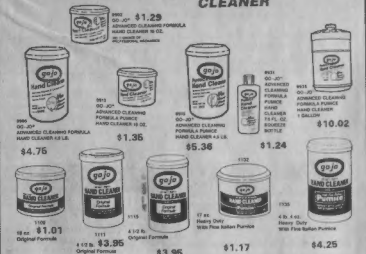
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Splendid Framing adds black collectibles to inventory

PLAINFIELD — Among the various other artistry available at Splendid Framing, the shop will now have black collectibles as part of its inventory.

"I'm very excited about this move," said shop owner Nellie Dixon, who added that she considered other kinds of inventory additions but finally decided on this because of a growing demand.

Many frame shops and galleries have additional lines like original jewelry and craft items, ceramics, or small gift items, Dixon said. As a collector of black memorabilia herself, she said she has watched the market for these items escalate. "Black collectibles are among the

fastest growing collecting areas," Dixon said. Splendid Framing is seizing the opportunity to build a market niche for Black Collectibles in Central New Jersey, she said.

"Whenever I go to collectors shows or auctions throughout the northeast, I always meet one or two collectors of black memorabilia from Central New Jersey. My challenge is to build an inventory that will attract them to Splendid Framing," she said.

Collecting black memorabilia means different things to individual collectors ranging from slave documents, to African artifacts, to 19th

century mass produced household items. The range and variety are endless, Dixon said, from 1800's items to things made last week.

Splendid Framing's inventory will be varied and will include popular household items like salt and pepper shakers and cookie jars. Hanger's weekly prints from 1800's (including the famous Blackville series), artwork from the turn of the century, books, postcards, Cream of Wheat and other ads, toys, dolls, and slave deeds.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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WESTFIELD—A free seminar on Professional Investment Management will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Merrill Lynch's Westfield office at 155 Elm Street. For more information call 908-789-4335.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

CRANFORD—A course on "Developing Confidence for the Job Interview" will be held at Union County College's Cranford campus from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information call 908-709-7601.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

NEW YORK CITY—The Black Relations Society of Greater New York will meet at Viacom Conference Center at 140 West 43 Street at 6 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

CRANFORD—"How to Get Anywhere to Do Anything You Want Almost All the Time" will be given at Union County College's Cranford Campus. For more information call 908-709-7601.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

HANOVER—The Morris County Urban League will sponsor its First Annual Employment and Minority/Small Business Opportunity Conference. Several workshops will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Hanover Marriott Hotel. For more information call 201-539-2121.

ENGLEWOOD—Bergen Community College will host a training session on Microsoft Word for Windows from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at COTC, 108 West Palisades Avenue, the Urban League Building. Training will be held on April 30 as well. For more information call 201-447-7478.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

CRANFORD—"Managerial Techniques," a full-day career development experience for executives and other office professionals, will be the seminar held at the Coachman—Days Inn by TWIN. For more information call 908-756-3636.

Business Exchange...

The status quo

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA)—As the American economy, as well as the American Dream, is headed to hell in a handbasket. The country's major source of employment, and provides of the American Standard

of Life, are cutting back, laying people off and will probably never reach their economic pinnacle again. We are no longer the world's leading economic power, we have a recession, poor health care programs, dismal education programs and results, and people in inner city neighborhoods who cover inside

their homes in fear of the escalating violence and mayhem that stalk urban streets. While these calamities abound and the country finds itself in "deep voodoo," the American electorate is getting ready to hop on the campaign carrying signs and cast ballots for either Twineddide, or Twineddium.

Traditional black Republicans will be holding back yard barbecues for George Bush, while the larger contingent of black Democrats will be getting their deep-fry units ready for major fish selling events in honor of Bill Clinton. In spite of the fact that neither Clinton nor Bush have presented them any indication that they will do anything specific to help our plight, misguided establishment-oriented blacks will go along in order to get along with what the party decrees. Not seeing a dime's worth of difference between the candidates or their parties' net worth results toward African American progress, guiltless blacks will cast their electoral ballot the same way that they've been casting their economic ballots, buying into the status quo.

Although still on the outside looking in, blacks aren't seeking any collective change in the American situation. The only change that blacks seem to want is better assimilation. This generation of African-Americans continue to go along with the results they face from the status quo and show no signs of seeking change toward betterment. We keep electing the same congresspeople, never holding them accountable for bringing home some bacon to our districts. In our urban cities we keep electing the same black mayors, time after time, even though they've done no more than regally preside over communities that are becoming a living hell of violence, deteriorating roads, streets, sewers, and human values. And we woefully keep spending our economic ballots for goods we see on T.V., while attaching no strings for reciprocity with

purchases. Now we will whimsically buy holding back yard barbecues that Madison Avenue will package for Bush and Stick Willie.

A visionary change for blacks could bring forth: a viable black political party; collective steps toward elective office term limitations; demands for reparations; rebuilding of our public infrastructures; and quantitative agreement for representative appointments in the presidential administration and its agencies. Who in the current establishment, black or white, is looking out for "our affairs"? A course of change among blacks will be illustrated by our demanding that Republicans and Democrats do something more for us than just talk.

Most blacks still like the status quo. They don't demand anything but have holders other than "the same old story." Rather than initiating change, most mainstream black "leaders" are happy with The Establishment and some of their most prized possessions are pictures of them with Bush, Clinton, and Senator Tim, or Congressman Her.

The entrance of H. Ross Perot into the campaign will get both parties straight and presents an interesting move on the status quo that blacks should note with interest. A proven capitalist, Perot's presidential bid will make all Americans take note that, "the business of America is business." The message Perot presents could have wide reaches, across white and black America, and put the country on a collective path toward progress again.

From a business perspective...The bottom line

by A. Eugene Baucum, Jr.

Those of you who attended the recent Braintrust General Meeting, held on March 5, 1992, in the boardroom at First Fidelity Bank in Newark, hopefully heard the challenge in my message loud and clear. "As business persons, who happen to be minorities, we must look first to ourselves for business opportunities, support, and for solutions to the many real and perceived obstacles that we must overcome."

This strategy, which may appear to be somewhat profound and simplistic, embodies the essence of the type of approach that is required, if we are to not just survive, but thrive. In today's distressed economy, which is aggravated by such issues as "cultural diversity," "reverse discrimination," and challenges to "equal opportunity," it is ever so important to subscribe to this philosophy.

Let me first offer that, as business persons, we must insure that we understand the business process in America. Therefore, when we utilize or spend our limited resources (time and money), or evaluate a business issue, we must be certain that our analytical approach and

reference point allows us to make a decision, or to take an action that makes good business sense. We no longer can take action based on an emotional perspective. Nor can we focus on the "social" issues at the expense of the "business" issues. As a former Braintrust Chairperson of

the Braintrust, the National Association of Minority Contractors, and the National Business League (and others), to provide them with our issues, concerns and potential solutions. However, this can only happen if these organizations have our full commitment and support.

In conclusion, the challenge is clear: as business persons, who happen to be minorities, must understand the business process; we must get involved (and stay involved) and we must support each other with deeds, not words, that's the bottom line. Can we afford to do anything else?

not!!" (Hint: think in business terms, i.e. "I have not because to do so would not make good business sense.")

Finally, as business persons, we must insure that public and private sector leaders, who are attempting and/or are committed to developing solutions to our problems, do indeed understand the "real" business issues that we face. The only way for us to insure that they understand is for business organizations like the Braintrust, the National Association of Minority Contractors, and the National Business League (and others), to provide them with our issues, concerns and potential solutions. However, this can only happen if these organizations have our full commitment and support.

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A. Eugene Baucum, Jr. is co-chairperson of the New Jersey United Minority Business Braintrust, Inc.

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SBM, 30, seeks mate for friendship, dates, late night conversations. If you're into the real man contact me at 201-676-5357. P.O. Box 20334, Newark, NJ, 07101.

To a woman of color (black or Hispanic) 20-32, black male professional, 28, 5'9" in good shape, looking for that special someone to create some moments that perhaps can become a truly significant relationship. Please send your phone number and photo to TC, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061

Full figured SBF, 5'10", attractive, Gianna, tan, seeks independent, intelligent, down-to-earth SBF who is interested in a monogamous relationship. Send short note with phone number to DJ, PO Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

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Universe SBF, Dearest Love, I'm Superly Debonair 38, 6'3", 170 lbs. (Belly Dancer's complexion—tanned skin with shoulder length hair. "Works ever time." I desire an ultra secure, graceful super-spicy my-husband, gorgeous etc.

All descents welcome to my heart, (photographer) to: MJS PO Box 1589, Atlantic City NJ 08404

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At 701, you talk black man looking for a tall black woman? I see, here I am! DMF, 38, good looking, with a good looking personality, seeking that extra special someone who is sincere, honest, and intelligent. Send letters to P.O. Box 58, Irvington, NJ, 07031.

SBM, 33, 5'8" 160 lbs., seeks educated intelligent female who will be able to talk about any subject. Must be interested in monogamous relationship. Send me a short note with phone number to BK, 4176 East Avenue, N.J. 07017.

SBM, African journalist, 47, 6'6", 170 lbs., seeks friendship with a hairy, cultured mate who enjoys reading, cooking, and admires nature. Nationality, race, age, unimportant. Please write for possible reply (photo) to: MAO, P.O. Box 302, Hillside, NJ, 07036.

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SBM tall, handsome, young, looking 40's (look in the 30's) 6'2", 195 lbs. light tan complexion, non-smoking, neat, clean, intelligent, financially secure and very selective. I have varied interests. I am seeking a slim, attractive, nice, female, average weight, age 25-36 (zero unimportant) for friendship and to share good times with. If I have sparked an interest please respond with recent photo (absolutely necessary) and phone number. (I will reciprocate.) to: EDU or c/o Dr. Davis, 204 Wood Avenue, Summit, NJ, 07901.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
INVITATION FOR BIDS
CLEANING, INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF CATCH BASINS, SPRAY POOL AND LAWN INLET BASINS, SANITARY AND STORM MANHOLES AND PIPE LINES AND EMERGENCY SEWER CLEANING AT VARIOUS PROJECTS
BID NO. HA B0335/1

The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK will receive sealed Bids for CLEANING, INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF CATCH BASINS, SPRAY POOL AND LAWN INLET BASINS, SANITARY AND STORM MANHOLES AND PIPE LINES AND EMERGENCY SEWER CLEANING AT VARIOUS PROJECTS, at 10:00 a.m., on the 6th day of May 1992 at 87 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 22, 1992 at 87 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including specifications are on file at the office of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, CONTRACTS DIVISION, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, Invitation No. HA B0335/1.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, U.S. Government bonds or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and acceptable Sureties in the amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid, not to exceed \$20,000.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bonds, a Consent of Surety is required which guarantees issuance of such bond(s) upon award of a contract.

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The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding as well as reserves the right to reject all bids in the event that less than three (3) bids are received at the designated time of the bid opening.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
By: Harold Lucas
Executive Director

4-9-92

RE-BID
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR YOUTH/SPORTS CONSULTANT

The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY is seeking a Youth Sports Consultant to work within its Drug Diversion Program. The consultant would be responsible for the total operation of the Youth Sports Program in three housing developments.

The activities would include but not be limited to:
(1) Motivational and drug seminar,
(2) Youth Sports such as:

- a. Basketball
- b. Tennis
- c. Track & Field
- d. Golf
- e. Softball
- f. Volleyball
- g. Swimming and water safety
- h. Soccer
- i. Bowling
- j. Cycling.

(3) Summer Trips,
(4) Mini Olympics.

The consultant would be responsible for conducting an after-school program from September to June.

Proposal should include budget outline.

All proposals should be returned in a sealed envelope properly marked on the outside: RE-BID REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR YOUTH/SPORTS CONSULTANT and addressed to:

JOSEPH A. MANFREDI,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH
688 Maple Avenue
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202

and received no later than, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1992, by 3:00 p.m.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
BRAND NEW DAY, INC., A Non profit corporation is requesting proposals for the total rehabilitation of the building at 176-178 1/2 First Street, Elizabeth, N.J. to comprise two commercial units on the first floor and two, two bedroom apartments on the second floor. The Elizabeth Presbyterian Center, 184 First Street, Elizabeth, Brand New Day is an equal opportunity employer.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127.

Bid proposals will be accepted at the above said office until 5:00 P.M. on May 15, 1992.

4-8-92

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

ADDENDUM TO INVITATION TO BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark, New Jersey, is hereby adding the following information to the Invitation to Bid for Project NJ32-3 heavy maintenance the following requirements:

*Regardless of the form of bid guarantee to be submitted, bidders must submit a Consent of Surety with their bid, and said Consent of Surety must be issued by a Surety listed in the most recent Publication of Treasury Circular No. 570.

"END OF ADDENDUM"
JOHN P. MCGRATH
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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
INVITATION FOR BIDS
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK will receive sealed Bids for ANNUAL INSPECTION AND CLEANING OF UNDERGROUND FUEL OIL TANKS - VARIOUS PROJECTS, at 10:00 a.m., on the 6th day of May 1992 at 87 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 21, 1992 at 87 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including specifications are on file at the office of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, CONTRACTS DIVISION, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, Invitation No. HA B0337/1.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, U.S. Government bonds or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and acceptable Sureties in the amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid, not to exceed \$20,000.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bonds, a Consent of Surety is required which guarantees issuance of such bond(s) upon award of a contract.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 c.127.

The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK reserves the right to reject any partial bids. The Housing Authority of the City of Newark reserves the right to reject all or a portion of the award to one or more responsible bidders.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
By: Harold Lucas
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4-8-92

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This examination is open to the Residents of the State of New Jersey who meet the following requirements:

- * Possess a High School Diploma or High School Equivalency Certificate
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- * Are at least 18 years of age and have not reached 35 years of age as of April 1, 1992

Note: Any individual who, on August 1, 1991, or thereafter turned 35 years of age, and was on a firefighter eligible list in any Municipality in Essex County, as of August 1, 1991, will satisfy the age requirements for this examination.

Applications will be available on April 1, 1992 at the following:

Clifton City Hall
Clifton Fire Station
Clifton Police Library

and also at the New Jersey Department of Personnel Office in Newark, at both 48 and 153 Halsey Street, Seventh Floor.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
INVITATION FOR BIDS
SERVICE CONTRACT TO REPAIR GAS FIRE INCINERATORS
BID NO. HA B0336/1

The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK will receive sealed Bids for SERVICE CONTRACT TO REPAIR GAS FIRE INCINERATORS AT VARIOUS PROJECTS. INVITATION NO. HA B0336/1, on the 6th day of May 1992, at 87 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid conference will be held on April 22, 1992 at 11:30 a.m. at 87 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including specifications are on file at the office of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, CONTRACTS DIVISION, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. All documents are to be submitted in triplicate.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the Housing Authority of the City of Newark, U.S. Government bonds or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and acceptable Sureties in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be submitted with each bid.

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The following announcement of entrance examination has been made by New Jersey Department of Personnel:

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Application to be filed by April 14, with New Jersey Department of Personnel and applications can be obtained at Harrison Compliance Office, 2nd Fl., 318 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, N.J. Open to residents of Hudson and Essex Counties. Requires residency within 15 miles of Harrison upon appointment to position.

The Town of Harrison has further requested the Department of Personnel to schedule examinations for the following positions:

- 1. Director Fire Public Library—\$24,824—\$50,449.
- 2. Junior Library Assistant—\$13,470—\$29,106.
- 3. Library Assistant—\$14,025—\$25,486.
- 4. Senior Library Assistant—\$14,965—\$34,433.
- 5. Public Health Nurse—\$33,658—\$36,670.
- 6. Public Health Supervisor—\$27,548—\$38,808.

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Salute The Black Church

Feeding the Flock

**What is the role of the black church in the black community?
What form does feeding the flock take today?**

In this issue City News salutes the role the black church has played in the black community and attempts to find answers to these two questions. The major theme of this issue is "Feeding the Flock." The church has played a vital role in various areas of the black community. While spreading the spiritual word, it has literally fed those in need of food, championed the drive for adequate housing and called for economic empowerment. Now more than ever before, we need the strength of the black church for moral guidance in a

time when our other institutions are in confusion. What better time than during Easter the "Celebration of Life" can City News initiate a partnership with the black church to help spread the word of hope, perseverance and victory. We invited New Jersey's black churches to join in the City News "Salute to the Black Church" honoring the cornerstone of the black community. This salute features interviews with renowned members of the black clergy who will discuss their views on the ever-evolving role of the black church in the community. The salute will also highlight various programs in the church from soup kitchen ministries to entrepreneurial trade shows and provide a calendar of church events.

Historical roles of the black community's cornerstone

By Horace Baldwin

The black community's cornerstone was and still is the black church. The two are one and the same with no disassociation.

According to Peter J. Paris author of "The Social Teachings of the Black Churches", the black church is a universal church, claiming and representing all blacks out of a long tradition that looks back to the time when there was only the black church to bear witness to "who" or "what" a man was as he stood at the bar of his community.

During the periods blacks experienced overt oppression the church was a place to release anxieties and seek consolation. Although overt oppression is not what it used to be, this still hold true today. Subliminal oppression exists in the form of "glass ceilings" in professional opportunities, a legal environment which creates a penal system with disproportionate incarcerations, the resurgence and promulgation of racial hate groups, and a network of racial biases in many suburban areas that if interrupted result in controversial, sometimes deadly confrontations. With this as a backdrop of contemporary society, the black church at a minimum is needed as a place for consolation.

For over two hundred years the black church has played various roles in the black community including: a temporary refuge from the oppressions of slavery, a needed sanctuary on the "freedom trail", a place of emotional release from racial discrimination, and a vehicle of social change.

America is becoming increasingly aware of the contributions and importance of the black community. Each February considerable focus is given to the achievements of African Americans as the country commemorates "Black History Month". To truly acknowledge these achievements would require more than one month out of the year. However, since its inception, (originally as "Black History Week" in

1926 and the designation of "Black History Month" in 1966) white America has been forced to acknowledge the black community as an integral part of this country. Credit must be given to Carter G. Woodson, the "father of Negro History", who was convinced that knowledge of the positive contributions of blacks to history and culture was necessary to inspire his

race and gain respect from whites.

This respect or more appropriately the heightened awareness of whites is evidenced by the inundation of political propaganda and specialized market penetration into the black community. This is a result of an awareness of the black consumer market, which represents over \$160

billion, as opposed to an appreciation of black contributions.

The black church is in a position to capitalize on this heightened awareness. Religious expression has been and continues to be the backbone of the church, and the role of the black church also includes: (1) providing a structure of unity and cohesion within the community; (2) assisting in the educational needs of the community; and (3) an instrument for the development of black leadership.

Historical Perspective :

The black church had its beginnings during slavery and supported a people stripped of their heritage, worldly possessions, and their dignity. The daily existence during slavery was such that the after life was thought to be the only place to find freedom and happiness. This sentiment is often expressed in Negro Spirituals.

Many plantation owners required the presence of a white person at all religious gatherings of slaves. This was often an attempt to avoid rebellious activity, as in the case of the slave preacher Nat Turner. In 1831 Turner led a successful slave revolt which resulted in the death of 60 whites within a 24-hour period.

Despite the scrutiny, the black church existed as the sole source of personal identity and sense of community for the slaves. It also provided an outlet for the expression of suppressed emotions which may have otherwise incited punishment. In addition, the time spent in religious service singing the praises of God and a life in glory was a temporary refuge from the oppression of slavery.

During the freedom movement black churches, especially in the north were used as "stations" on the underground railroad. Although many rebellious pursuits of freedom were rooted in the black church, following "reconstruction", this passion for freedom was replaced with

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Commission on Christian Social Concerns displays humanitarianism

ENGLEWOOD—Earlier this year Rev. J. Isaiah Goodman revamped the First Baptist Church's Commission on Christian Social Concerns (CCSC). The new objective of the CCSC may be summarized as "expressing God's love for humanity to humanity," said George Thornton, director of the commission. "We attempt to bring our love for Jesus Christ out of the pew and into the community," he said. Thornton said the CCSC is pursuing their objective by a comprehensive program of information gathering that allows the timely development and implementation of Christ centered social action plans.

The activities pursued by CCSC in-

clude:

- Systematic monitoring and awareness of acts or institutional trends of injustice and oppression in our community, state and nation.
- Develop and implement comprehensive action plans to prevent, counteract and/or contravene injustice and oppression in our communities, state and nation that incorporate the love of Jesus and fidelity to Christian principles.
- Incorporating the love of Jesus and a

fidelity to Christian principles, develop and implement comprehensive action plans to help those who suffer and are in need in our communities, state and nation.

"As Christians it is our duty to address these issues."

George Thornton

While the above activities include the state and nation, the CCSC's first priority is the local community. Injustice and oppression are broad terms and rightly so. Thornton said CCSC addresses situations like trying to obtain justice in the Phillip Pannell murder case and providing food, clothing and shelter to the hungry and homeless, while also try-

ing to improve the quality of education provided in schools. The CCSC hopes to have a positive impact on these issues, he said. "As Christians it is our duty to address these issues," Thornton said.

The commission director said items of concern raised by one of the five subcommittees will be considered by CCSC as a whole. He said as required, comprehensive Christ centered action plans will be developed. Temporary, issue specific subcommittees may be used in developing the appropriate plan. Thornton said implementation of the plans developed may require utilizing the expertise and relationships developed and put in place by one or more of the CCSC's committees.

City National President's message to black church community

Within the African American community in this country one organization has served as a focal point for progress through the years. That institution is the black church. The church has always served as a home where our spiritual needs are satisfied. In this century, it has also served as an institution that feeds the homeless, educates the young, treats the addicted and houses the elderly. Possibly most important, the church has also served to direct the energies required for minorities to advance into the mainstream of education and economics in this country. As the minority community moves forward economically, there must remain

strong black churches and strong African American banks in a position to fuel this economic development. There must also be an African American press ready to report the advances made by the community.

City National Bank of New Jersey, as New Jersey's only African American owned and managed commercial bank, understands the importance of the church to the African American community. City National has been a supporter of, and has been supported by, the black churches. The churches have supported City National by maintaining significant account relationships. City National's support has

come in the form of loans to finance church construction and expansion, banking services to the churches and their members, and an annual breakfast where area ministers may inform the bank of the financial needs of their respective churches and congregations.

As we move forward, there is a need for both a strong church and a strong bank if the African American community is to prosper economically. The church is the strongest organization within the African American community. That strength can be utilized to create opportunities for the community. If black churches work together to provide economic strength to the

congregations along with spiritual strength, significant improvement can be made in the way blacks are viewed financially.

Our mission is to provide quality banking services to the community, and by providing services to the churches we are able to reach the community. Each time a church opens a day care center, the community is served. Each time a church serves a meal to the homeless, the community is served. Each time City National Bank helps a church provide these services, City National Bank helps the community.

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Non-denominational group wants to practice what's been preached

by Myra Burks-Davis

PLAINFIELD—Families Trust in God, Inc., a newly formed non-profit organization that wants to reach and serve families, will be hosting a family night April 22, said Gwendolyn Franklin, one of its members and founders.

Although the group is non-denominational weekly meetings will be held at the Cross of Life Lutheran Church, at 1240 E. 7th St., Plainfield, N.J.

"We, like others, are aware of the breakdown in family values, morals, self-respect, and low self-esteem," she said. "However we strongly believe that the time has come for those of us with God-given abilities, talents, and skills to unite for the purpose of dealing with the problems by implementing solutions."

Franklin said the group, comprised of two of her daughters, her son-in-law and several people with whom she attended various churches, is motivated by a love for God. She said the group would like to set up family Bible studies and help parents become role models to their own children. "Parents need to assume the

responsibility of being role models," she said. "We'd like to teach parents how to teach their children life skills, thinking skills and budgeting skills."

Franklin, a kindergarten teacher for 24 years, said that many of us with talents do not reach back into the communities to lend a

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Gwendolyn Franklin

hand. "We as a race of people do not do enough reaching back," she said. "If we have been given skills and abilities we are responsible for reaching back."

She said the group is a compilation of educators, business people and small business owners. She said they are looking for additional people to lend a helping hand. "We're looking for grandparents to represent working parents at school functions. We want to become one big, happy family," she said.

The organization plans to establish

support groups for each family member to identify with. These groups will provide counseling services to married couples, troubled teens, single parents, with emphasis on building relationships, especially between parents separated from their children.

Bernice Thornton, treasurer of the organization and a single parent who raised her 32-year-old son, said she's excited about the program's promotion of family togetherness. She said often times people in real need don't come to the church.

"Everybody is in their own surrounding and not enough church's are helping," she said. "So you had a good spiritual service when you went to church, but the majority won't come to church so you have to go where they are."

Sonya Johnson, Franklin's daughter, is a married mother of two and a teacher

also. She said the group hopes to address the spiritual and emotional needs of local families.

"We're a grass-roots type of organization that wants to reach those who wouldn't step foot in a church," Johnson said.

The young mother said the "missing link in the black community is God." She said even families that appear to be functioning well never really get enough time to get to know one another.

Calvin Johnson, Franklin's son-in-law, said he believes many churches are missing the mark on addressing the family's needs.

"You just go through the format because a lot of churches are so big and the just don't know the needs of the people," he said. "Everybody is on a different agenda and the family is not together anymore. We want to do something that deals with the whole family."

For further information regarding this organization, call (908)668-0100.

Role of black church

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innocuous homilies against drinking, dancing, smoking, and other "sins". As during slavery, the injustices of the present were minimized in favor of a kingdom in glory.

To further limit the creativity in which the black church pursued freedom and equality on earth, black preachers were forced to support segregation and the prominent causes of the white churches.

Those that didn't could be lynched and their churches burned. So the black church continued to denounce earthly sins and moral deficiencies while taking a gradual approach to change in the institutionalized patterns of race relations.

Although the Emancipation Proclamation abolished slavery, it was almost 100 years later before the resourcefulness of the black church was used as a catalyst

to effect change. In 1954 with the case of Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas the Supreme Court decreed "that segregation ... was unconstitutional and that the separate but equal doctrine (precedent by Plessy v. Ferguson) did not apply to education." With education as a foundation, a wave of change ensued which evolved into the civil rights movement.

The black church not only inspired

outspoken leaders during this period of change, but also served as a vital meeting place for civil rights activities. The church was also an important communications vehicle where public announcements of significant events could be aired to the masses. In addition, a sense of unity was instilled in the black community during this time of crisis by the cohesive role of the black church.

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The Servant Church of the Oranges

by Myra Burks-Davis



Annual Choir Appreciation Day celebration

Rev. Reginald Jackson, of St. Matthew A.M.E. Church in Orange said his church membership aims to serve the community.

"Our church is known as the servant church of the Oranges," he said. "We try to gear our ministry to meet the needs of the community."

According to Jackson, St. Matthew A.M.E. can boast an array of activities directed toward each segment of its membership and community.

He said the church's free monthly luncheon is a hit with senior citizens. They are provided with a meal and usually speakers that address issues ranging from health to finance. He said the church is also very interested in its youth. "We deal with the upbringing and development of the children," the pastor said. "We liaison with the schools our members' children attend."

Jackson said when there are problems in school, the school notifies the parents and the church.

Although the church sees the importance of interacting with the children's schools and parents, Jackson said he is opposed to mandating prayer in the school.

"If people aren't praying at home, what makes someone think they're going to pray in school," he said.

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New Hope adds new unit to its long list of accomplishments

NEWARK—This year the New Hope Baptist Church welcomed the Senior Citizen Club as a new addition to its auxilliary unit.

The primary objective of this unit is to provide programming activities for the senior members. Overall, their successful membership drive has resulted in rapid increases in their numbers.

Under the 21-year-administration of Rev. Charles E. Thomas, the church has achieved many goals. The church office began to operate on a daily basis with a full-time secretary in place.

Thomas was responsible for organizing a scholarship fund for college bound students, who are members of New Hope. He organized the male choir and served as a member for a time.

In 1975, the New Hope Village was completed and dedicated. Thomas was Chairman of the Board of the New Hope Development Corporation. A management corporation was established to oversee the operation of the housing complex. Two buildings were erected one for low and middle income, and the other for senior citizens. In 1977, a second day care center was opened on the site of New Hope Village.

During the 86 year life span of the New Hope church body, much progress has been made. In 1976, the radio broadcast of its outreach ministry began. In 1985, the Adult Choir released an album entitled, "Second Sunday Morning."

In 1986, the \$2 million construction of a new church took place.

Uniting the Diaspora at Irvington's First Presbyterian Church

by E. Obiri Addo

IRVINGTON—Irvington's First Presbyterian Church has expanded their ministry to support a new social organization aimed at responding to problems and issues of concern to Caribbean and African people in the United States.

The new group is called the United Caribbean African Alliance, Inc. Since the start of this year, the church, through its Mission and Outreach Committee networks with like-minded people who want to work seriously to overcome the barriers between African Americans and other members of the African diaspora.



Addo and First Presbyterian Church Choir reflecting diversity and unification.

In this task, the Presbytery of Newark made an intentional effort to reach out to new immigrants particularly from Africa, the Caribbean and South America. These people, it has been discovered, come into the United States with strong Christian backgrounds. Often times, they have found it difficult to feel accepted in existing congregations. The Irvington experiment became a unique way for a governing body to support them by building a place at which they could feel at home.

Founded in 1896 as the Manhattan Park German Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, served its community for nearly a century. It developed its own history of growth and pain, fracture and inspiration, changing leaders and lay interests. It never ceased to witness within its own time, place and space.

The most significant recent changes, mostly demographic in nature, began to occur in the late 60's. These changes were

in relation to the so called urban flight. By the mid 1980's the all-white congregation had become predominantly black. With a small membership, lack of funds and absence of consistent leadership, the church was on the brink of closing its doors in 1988.

The Presbytery of Newark, the regional governing body, stepped in and dissolved the leadership council and initiated a new effort to rebuild the church's mission and ministry. A call was then extended to a Presbyterian minister from Ghana, West Africa, named Rev. E. Obiri Addo, who was instrumental in leading the church's redevelopment efforts in July 1989.

At the time the redevelopment efforts commenced, the church's total active membership consisted of only eighteen people. A group of fifteen more people, from Newark's Kilburn Memorial Church which had just closed, joined First Presbyterian in an attempt to find a new church home. With these two groups the task of building a new church began in earnest.

As of March 1992, First Presbyterian Church's total active membership zoomed to 120 people, with an average Sunday worship attendance of 102. The total budget for 1992 is \$55,000.

The church aggressively reached out to its immediate neighbors by encouraging them to walk to church on Sundays. It also sponsored scouting troops made up of young boys and girls that continue to meet on its premises. Its doors opened to members of immigrant communities in times of crisis or joy.

Often, the church's large spaces are made available to the community and church members who wish to organize various activities that celebrate life and allow them to connect their lives with others. Although funding is difficult in such a small church, First Presbyterian is still seeking ways to start a day care center in its facility that will serve working parents in the community.

First Presbyterian Church hopes to increase its activity in community outreach programs by working closely the community.

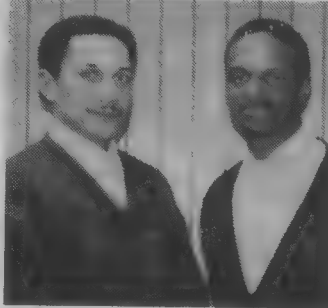
Islamic group focuses on building character in youth

by Amina R. Mateen

Interview with Wahyu-Deen Shareef and Aqeel Mateen, Muslim leaders and teachers at the Hillside, N.J. - based Waris Association.

C.N.: What is the Waris Association?

W.D.S.: The Waris Association is a cultural research and development center. Its primary purpose is to develop all the ingredients that go into developing a culture. This includes building the character base of



Wahyu-Deen Shareef and Aqeel Mateen, Muslim leaders and teachers at the Hillside, N.J. - based Waris

an individual by first addressing people in their youth.

We feel that if we can develop a strong character base in young people, then hopefully that character base by Allah or God's permission will continue with them as they become adults. The Waris Association is designed as an educational and cultural institution that doesn't just address an individual's religious responsibility. Al-Islam encompasses all the dimensions that a human life requires in order for it to be successful.

C.N.: What age do you think is a proper age to start developing a child's mind?

A.M.: Development starts in the mother's womb. If she is praying, happy and focused and the couple is fulfilling their responsibilities in harmony, this has an effect on the child. The child hears what's being said in the womb, which is part of its development. However, our classes start from ages six years and up.

C.N.: How would you begin teaching a six year old today?

W.D.S.: By example because at that age they learn primarily from duplicating what they see. If we begin to understand how we can evolve our own character and then we can shape our behavior according to those high values and aspirations then I think the six year old will begin to identify with that. For example, my grandchildren are non-Muslims and they wanted to be with me in my prayer. So they watched me and followed my every movement in prayer.

I got a call from my daughter today, and she said "Your grandchildren went to school and they wanted to show all the students how to make prayer."

C.N.: How old are your grandchildren?

W.D.S.: Four and five years old. So again, I say the best way to teach them is by example and the best example is given to us in Quran.

C.N.: Does the Waris Association staff extend themselves outside the Muslim community?

W.D.S.: Yes, we are now working in conjunction with the Anti-lynching campaign founded by a group of Muslim sisters. (A group that opposes what they consider a symbolic lynching of black youth's minds by a corrupt society.) The program is called "Youth Speak Up and Speak Out," which meets on Saturdays here at the Waris Association. This program gives all individuals an opportunity to exchange their ideas, express themselves and find solutions to their problems.

C.N.: What role do you think the black church has in the community?

A.M.: As Muslims we have the responsibility of making sure that both our spiritual and social responsibilities are balanced. Al-Islam does not believe in the separation of church and state, business and religion, nor that God should be taken out of school.

With the removal of religion from schools this enables our youth to think that they are worthy of praise, and the praise no longer is ascribed to the creator. There are reasons why we are faced with the problems in our communities today, because the religious base is absent from these institutions.

C.N.: How would you define the role of religious leaders?

A.M.: Religious community leaders have the responsibility of making sure that the family structure is intact. In addition to worship, they are responsible for directing individuals in the area of goal setting pointing out to them that as a part of creation we as human beings are the crown of creation. We have a contribution to make to civilization, whether its large or small, this contribution should be made. Religious leaders from the Masjids, churches, and synagogues have to emphasize this point to the communities. The imams, preachers and priests, as religious leaders, we have to meet our Lord too. We are going to be held accountable for our contributions to our family, community and individual lives.

C.N.: How would you define Al-Islam?

W.D.S.: Al-Islam has the connotation of peace - the peace or security - safety zone. A way of life for the human being, his full and complete manner of behavior. It expresses for him/her direction as to how he/she can achieve the most rewarding and beneficial type of gains, involvement in both this life and in the hereafter. This physical life that we are experiencing now, is a stepping stone, into a more enduring life in the hereafter. Islam is not just theoretical, but the application of Islam is very appropriate to the situations that exist today.

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Landmark banks invest in St. James' prep school project

by Myra Burks-Davis

NEWARK—St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church's call for financial support to build a prep school was heard March 26 by two of the state's landmark banks.

First Fidelity Bank, the state's largest financial institution, presented the church with \$67,500 that it will in turn invest in the stock of the state's only minority owned one, City National Bank.

The church's St. James Preparatory

School project, slated to break ground in the spring of 1993, will financially benefit from this arrangement as stock from City National Bank yields dividends. The school project will be the recipient of those dividends. City National Bank benefits from First Fidelity's indirect major capital infusion and still maintains its minority owned status.

"As Lou makes City National profitable, the dividends will provide finance

for scholarships, internships and summer employees," said First Fidelity Bancorporation Senior Vice President Jerome D. Greco of City National Bank's president, Louis Prezeau.

"We see the long term benefits of this program," Prezeau

said. "We share the same vision."

The St. James Preparatory School project was one of several non-profit organizations to receive a financial boost from the institutions. The United Negro College Fund, The Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Newark, and another non-profit organization to be named at a later date also received funds in this same manner.

"There are many noble causes that could have been funded but we were happy with their act of faith in our project," said Dr. William Watley, pastor of the largest A.M.E. church in New Jersey.

According to Watley, St. James A.M.E. Church proposes to meet what they see as a "need for quality educational alternatives" by building a college preparatory school for 500 children in grades seven through 12.

Watley, who will also serve as chairman of the proposed prep school's board, said he was not sure if the funds generated from the stock dividends would be used for scholarships to attend the school or something more tangible.

"I've been working toward this moment for five years, which really isn't a long time," he said. "As we looked at the needs of our community and the capabilities of our own congregation, the decision to build a school was made in 1986."

St. James A.M.E. Church has been in Newark since the 1840's and boasts a diverse membership of over 3,000. These members have already pledged \$1 million towards the school ground-breaking ex-

penses. Another \$2 million still has to be raised in order to meet the down payment required to

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Dr. William Watley, Pastor

break ground for the new school building.

Watley said the church will only serve as a "governing agency" and the school will be a separate entity. He said the college prep facility will be open to young men and women of all races and religions. "Its academic core will be a rigorous curriculum combining math and science, business, and humanities courses."

He said the school's objective will be to prepare its students for leadership roles in their chosen fields. He said it will serve to prepare them for life in a global community by providing an international and multi-cultural educational experience.

The St. James Preparatory School project is one of many community related programs the church is involved in Watley said. He also pointed out the church's involvement in feeding programs for the poor, clothing distribution, an emergency food pantry, adult education and afterschool homework tutorial programs.

The church, located on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, provides a day care center and a meeting site for both Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. As part of its efforts to expand its services to the community, St. James recently acquired Blake House, a building on the same street, which will be used for outreach programs.

Seventh Day Adventists on community health crusade

by Myra Burks-Davis

MONTCLAIR—A local church has joined forces with a national crusade to address the physical health problems that plague the black community.

The First Seventh Day Adventist Church of Elmwood Avenue in Montclair has joined up with the Breath of Life Health Ministry to promote a "broad-based community-owned multiple risk factor identification and health intervention project called 'Heart, Body and Spirit,'" said Dr. Donna Willis, of John Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Rev. Mark McCleary, pastor of the Montclair church, said his church would be coordinating the program with some of the other area Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) churches.

Willis said community screenings will be offered in churches, medical vans, markets, fast food restaurants, community associations, pharmacies, and in schools, where families can be accessed. These high risk identification sites will offer individuals on-site counseling and referral options.

"Those identified as health risk, or any interested individual, can participate in on-site counseling, the Breath of Life Health Ministries Campaign, or the local test SDA church, for an array of lifestyle change classes," she said.

Willis said the SDA project is modeled after a John Hopkins University School of Medicine project called, "Heart, Body and Soul."

"The Seventh Day Adventist Church via the Breath of Life Ministry desires to implement Heart, Body and Spirit as its health outreach program and establish them as permanent community owned prevention centers," Willis said.

According to Willis, the purpose of the project is to determine what is killing the black population in such record numbers.

"The hazards of drugs and violence take an awful toll on the young," she said. "In New York and New Jersey, AIDS is now the leading cause of death for black women aged 15 to 44, while the chief killer of young black men nationwide is gunfire. But these killers are more than matched by the fact that cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and just about

every other disease you can think of hits blacks much harder than whites."

Willis said the lack of good medical care in the black community, regardless of the socioeconomic level, is the major culprit.

The pilot project's target city is Newark, N.J. This project and others are to be funded over three years. The funding will decrease by a third each year as fiscal and operation supports are locally derived, she explained.

Willis said the project is comprised of four phases:

1. Community diagnosis and coalition building utilizing a pilot church group.

2. Community health worker training and certification, community screening and detection, development of health education intervention and follow-up/referral systems.

3. The establishment of community prevention centers, facilitated access clinics, and development

of a mentorship model to foster management skills, both fiscal and operational.

4. Community epidemiologic data, health care utilization data, church training and certification process, community prevention center management evaluation and audits will be assessed at six months and one year intervals, the development of other local, national and international projects.

The doctor said this project goes hand-in-hand with many SDA beliefs and philosophies. "This work builds on more than 100 years of SDA beliefs, which include a low fat vegetarian diet, moderate exercise, abstinence from tobacco and alcohol use, and programs instituted by the church to encourage this lifestyle," she said.

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Churchmen urge their communities to buy selectively

by Myra Burks-Davis

NEWARK — "We go places where we see black faces," was the theme of the March 11 resolution passed by the North Jersey Committee of Black Church Men, said Rev. Dr. William Verner, founder of the group.

Verner said the committee passed a resolution asking that African Americans become selective in their purchasing habits if Korean and Asian shopkeepers can not reach an agreement with black and Hispanic clergy and civic leaders who ask that they include their constituents as employees.

"We will ask that they consider hiring some black and other minority employees," said Verner, a breast surgeon and an ordained associate minister at St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark.

"If they are going to make money off of us, they ought to reciprocate," he said. Verner said members of the black and

Hispanic clergy plan to establish a dialogue with the merchants who fill the downtown Newark area. He said they will not initially take a confrontational ap-

"If they are going to make money off of us, they ought to reciprocate."

Rev. Dr. William Verner

proach with business owners. He said since so much of the patronage comes from blacks and Hispanics the shop owners should be willing to help those communities by putting money back into them.

"We're asking Latino ministers to join in with us," he said. "We are not making the distinction that the Korean entrepreneurs only hire black people."

Verner said the pulpit would be used to get the message out. "If you want to get something done you've got to come through the black church," he said. "We're going to get our people sensitized and motivated."

Verner said the North Jersey Committee of Black Church Men encompasses 200 churches in the North Jersey area, of which 150 are in Newark. He said the ecumenical organization was established in 1967 immediately after the riots.

Church sponsored expo promises economic boost for black entrepreneurs

NEWBRUNSWICK—African-American religious leaders joined forces to sponsor an Economic Empowerment Exposition April 9 in New Brunswick to rescue their communities from what they consider "economic disaster."

"The Economic Empowerment Exposition is not part of a money-making venture, nor is it a 'feel good' event for corporate big shots,"

The expo, sponsored by the First Baptist Church's economic empowerment task force of Lincoln Gardens, is being billed as unusual compared to other business trade fairs. According to Rev. DeForest (Buster) Soaries Jr., pastor of the Franklin Township congregation, the conference is geared toward "protecting the black community from economic disaster."

"The Economic Empowerment Exposition is not part of a money-making venture, nor is it a 'feel good' event for corporate big shots," said church officials in a letter being sent to minority entrepreneurs throughout the state.

"We will only invite those corporate and government buyers who are in a position to choose your business to provide a product or service."

The expo will be set up as an African

bazaar in the ball room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, where business owners can display wares or market their services. A prayer breakfast led by Soaries will kick off the event and a luncheon address by William Harvey, president of

Hampton University, a predominantly black college in Virginia is also planned. There will be an assortment of other speakers, including James Blow of the Newark Minority Business Development Center; James Young, senior vice president of City National Bank of Newark, and Frank Coleman, network wireless systems market manager for AT&T, are scheduled to address workshop sessions on starting a new business, marketing an existing business, alternative methods of obtaining business capital and business-to-business sales.

At a news conference held recently at Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters in New Brunswick, Soaries said several churches in central New Jersey have joined to form economic empowerment groups, including the New Hope Baptist Church in Metuchen and Second Baptist Church of

Perth Amboy.

"The purpose of these economic empowerment groups is to maximize the potential of our churches in supporting businesses owned by our members and other local African-Americans. Collectively, we now represent more than 100 black-owned businesses," Soaries said.

A '92 Economic Offensive is being developed as part of a cooperative effort

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Newark, and

the Rev. Ronald

Owens, pastor

of New Hope

Baptist

Church in

Metuchen, Soaries said.

The church coalition plans to establish a relationship with the state's corporate leaders, provide financial counseling and job information services, and form an academy for entrepreneurial development that will help black businesses in start-up

and expansion activities, he said.

Soaries and his colleagues cited several reasons why they believe conventional minority business trade fairs have a low success rate. In a letter recently sent to minority business leaders, church officials said the time spent to secure a lead took longer than many minority businesses are able to stay afloat.

"Trade fairs are generally sponsored

by organiza-

tions or mar-

keting firms

whose main

purpose is to

use the event as a

fund raiser,"

they said.

"Once you've

paid their registration fee the firm or organiza-

tion has reached their goal."

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Rev. DeForest (Buster) Soaries, Jr.

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Historical role of the black community's cornerstone

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Community Cohesion:

The cohesive unity of the black community was at its strongest during the 1950's and '60's. This era, characterized by the dramatic events of the civil rights movement, is also known for the significant role the black church played in unifying a community where individuals are in pursuit of freedom. For prior generations the black church promoted the endurance of the hardships of this world on the promise of salvation in the hereafter. Now, the church was at the forefront of a massive effort to attain freedom from segregation in this life and for all people.

The cohesive role of the black church in the community is also due in part to the role of the black woman. In the black community women used the church to reinforce moral behavior and provide an outlet for the socialization of their families.

Sheer statistics also give evidence of

their dominating presence in the church and community. For example, two thirds of the members of most black churches are women. The average life expectancy of the black woman is ten years longer than black men. Over forty percent of all black families are headed by women. With these demographics and the fact that leadership opportunities were not always available to them, it is understandable that women used the church to fulfill their own social agendas as well as the promotion of community activities.

To a community persecuted by virtue of skin color, denied business opportunities, and with very little to call their own, the church is the common bond that links spiritual inspiration with secular permutation. A crisis may incite community cohesion, but it's the resourcefulness of the church which will sustain it.

Education:

Education has historically been a major focus of the black church. During

the slave era, Sunday schools were often the first vehicle used to introduce black people to the educational process. They would first hear, then memorize, and eventually, learn to read Bible stories. In many cases this was their only contact, as most slave states passed laws prohibiting the education of slaves.

After the abolition of slavery, many initiatives were undertaken to mainstream blacks into society. The Freedman's Bureau of the reconstruction era was successful at establishing free schools and elementary education among blacks. Sunday schools for blacks formerly maintained by white church associations and missionaries increasingly came under the control of black churches. The black Sunday school differed from its white counterpart not only in its emphasis on developing literacy, but also by serving a large number of adult pupils. Blacks as old as 90 attended Albany, New York's First African Baptist Church Sunday School as far back as 1820.

More than half of the historically black four-year colleges were founded by black religious bodies and many can be traced to the black church. For example, Morehouse College in Atlanta was founded in 1866 in the basement of the Springfield Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga. Spelman College was started by the Friendship Baptist Church in Atlanta. Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) began as a school that met in the basement of Butler Chapel A.M.E. Church in Tuskegee, Ala.

Black churches continue to support education by providing sizable donations to institutions of higher learning. In addition, many churches maintain scholarship funds for their young people aspiring to attain a college education.

Lastly, the role of the black church in educating the black community is apparent in the educational level of black preachers. As more and more blacks are attaining higher levels of education and entering

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100 Black Men of New Jersey committed and involved

by Myra Burks-Davis

EAST ORANGE — Founded in East Orange almost two decades ago, the 100 Black Men of New Jersey formed to provide young people with positive role models, said William Giles, president of the civic group.

Giles said the group of over 100 members started in 1974 with just 20 men who were determined to fight for the future of their communities' young black men.

"We adopted the theme and purpose of the national group, which is to work for the benefit of the young black male," Giles said. That theme and purpose is to help them achieve academic excellence, while eliminating the plagues of drug abuse, teenage pregnancy and violence that surround them, he said.

The 100 Black Men of New Jersey also provides monetary support to a program called, "System Success," which is designed to help orthopedically challenged and chronically ill Newark high school students.

Giles, chairman of EPC International Inc., a specialty advertising firm, is also a

staunch supporter of the United Negro College Fund. "We're a major fund-raiser for them," he said.

In 1991 alone, his company raised \$70,000 for the fund, and \$500,000 over a nine year period.

"Education is the cornerstone of the 100 Black Men of New Jersey since our inception in 1974," he said. "We recognize our youth as our future and consequently we must invest in our youth on a daily basis in order to ensure our future."

The 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Ramapo College and Newark's West Side High School are all involved in an ambitious partnership geared to implement a vitally needed mentoring outreach effort. The program enables the group to help provide a supportive learning environment for cultivating minority inner city students for college.

Oliver Lofton, Newark attorney and founder of the grass-roots organization, said bringing the talents and resources of successful black men together so that they could give something back to the commu-



Sen. Frank Lautenberg (left) congratulates 100 Black Men of New Jersey President William Giles (second from left) as Rep. Donald Payne (Essex) and organization founder Oliver Lofton concur.

nities they came from, was the ignition used to fuel the New Jersey chapter's mission.

Giles said he wished to stress the importance that 100 Black Men is not a social club, but a civic organization that is interested in making positive changes in its community.

"Its general overall purpose is to facilitate the educational, economic and social mobility of blacks and other minorities in the state of New Jersey," said Giles.

He said the group promotes the advancement of its members in civic and charitable endeavors through mutual cooperation, joint planning and organized execution.

"It is also the intent of the organization to use its collective resources, voices and talents to ferret out and confront injustices and inequities in government and private sector," he said.

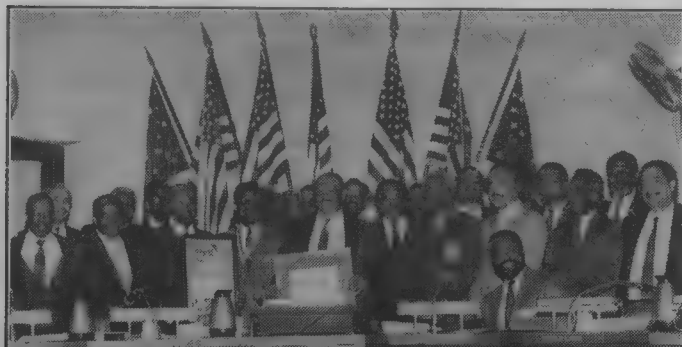
The New Jersey chapter also sponsors a scholarship called the Mamie Truesdale Annual Scholarship Fund. More than

\$150,000 from this fund has been awarded to New Jersey high school graduates to help them pursue their higher education goals. Proceeds from the group's Annual Golf Classic go to this scholarship fund.

The organization also is a major sponsor of the Newark Elementary Track Festival, in conjunction with the Newark Board of Education. The festival affords 2,000 elementary school male and female athletes with the chance to experience the excitement of track competition.

The Elementary Debating Team is another program also sponsored by the group and the Newark Board of Education. City wide debates are conducted to improve the communication, research and cognitive reasoning skills of elementary students.

According to Giles, the 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Inc. is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws, rules and regulations of the state. It is comprised of black businessmen, attorneys, physicians, dentist, corporate and other professionals.



Newark City Council recognizes the 100 Black Men of New Jersey for their outstanding efforts in cultivating inner city students for college. Holding plaques from left are former Council President Ralph Grant and 100 Black Men of NJ president William Giles.



Dr. William Giles, President of 100 Black Men of NJ

Visibility in the community, this is what our organization has always been about since its conception. One of the biggest concerns of the black community is that there aren't any role models left. Well, this cannot be said about the New Jersey Chapter of 100 Black Men. We truly implemented our theme for the year: "Molding The Young Black Male for 1991 and Beyond!"

This was a stellar year for our organization, as we kept up and increased programs with the youth of our community. Our activities were initiated with the 11th annual Elementary Track Festival, a program we have extreme pride in sponsoring and one that has launched many distinguished careers in amateur and professional sports.

The event annually attracts over 2,500 male and female inner city youth, who experience both the thrill and reward of victory and the humility and good-sportsmanship of defeat. No one ever comes away a loser.

In June, The 1991 National Convention of the 100 Black Men of America was held in St. Louis, MO. Dignitaries, guests and members from all the chapters around the country attended what turned out to be a wonderful meeting. Though we had a respectable representative envoy, as president of our chapter, I aspire for a larger number of members to attend for knowledge of what other chapters are implementing, establishing friendships, and building relationships.

I am elated to see the New Jersey Chapter propelled to heights never achieved by an entity of Business and Professional African-American men in this state. We have grabbed the baton and taken the lead in uplifting the black Community and its youth. Our organization, has made significant inroads in the political, social, medical and business communities from local and national aspects. Many individual benefits were enhanced and shared by all members, in accordance with our ideology of togetherness and conjunction.

Education is the invitation to life, thus it has always been the cornerstone of the 100 Black Men of New Jersey since our inception in 1974. Education is the key to our survival as a race and a community.

It has always been our feeling that our young black youth who demonstrate exceptional academic potential must be recognized, supported, nurtured and rewarded. We strongly believe that with these combined components, the students will reach their full potential and make immediate and future indelible marks on their community.

In the past year, we continued to support our flagship programs such as the

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President of 100 Black Men of NJ

Mamie Truesdale Scholarship Fund, named in honor of Mrs. Mamie Truesdale, who was born about 20 years after the abolition of slavery. Though Mrs. Truesdale herself, never had the opportunity to obtain a formal education due to racism of the time period, she strongly believed that our children must, and our chapter has followed her thinking. So far, our organization has provided in excess of \$150,000 to deserving black and other minority graduating high school students. We recognize our youth as our future, consequently we must invest in our youth on a daily basis in order to ensure our future.

100 Black Men of New Jersey is on the forefront of ensuring that other blacks "do" have the opportunity to receive a formal and proper education. The monies awarded to our recipients are used to compensate for the ever escalating costs of a college education which includes tuition, books, and lodging. We salute our graduating high school seniors and wish them a bright and productive future. Always look to the sun despite what clouds may pass.

Be it known that our organization is not one to send children off then forget about them, our members continue to track our scholarship recipients while in college so that we may provide additional resources, support, and mentoring as needed.

Before an individual can be interested in an entity, he must first be introduced to it. This is where our mentoring program, Partnership for Progress, comes into effect. The 100 Black Men of New Jersey has entered into an affiliation with Ramapo College and West Side High School of Newark to establish a vitally needed rights of passage and outreach effort for urban students. With the combined efforts of the three institutions, we have successfully provided a supportive learning environment for cultivating minority inner city students for college. The program consists of an on-campus summer session with activities focused on raising the consciousness about the options and opportunities available after their high school years.

Two other thriving projects that are sponsored by our Education Committee are the System Success Program and the Elementary Debating Team.

The System Success Program provides assistance for Newark's chronically ill and orthopedically challenged youth at the high school level. The 100 Black Men of New Jersey's contribution to this cause could never be enough, but the impact of our puissance has helped to improve the quality of education for these distinctive students.

In conjunction with the Newark Board of Education, 100 Black Men of New Jersey is sponsoring the Elementary Debating Team. City wide debates are conducted to improve communication skills, research and cognitive reasoning abilities among elementary students. A year-round competition ranking is culminated into a Debate Awards Luncheon where each year numerous trophies are awarded to elementary students. This is very important to our organization to groom the verbal and mental skills of adolescents and help es-

tablish their communicational ability between each other and respect for other opinions.

100 Black Men of New Jersey has embarked on an important endeavor. Statistics tell us that there are twice the number of black men in jail or on probation than there is enrolled in college. Sixty percent of all African American babies will be born to single mothers. We have taken the initiative to halt these astounding facts.

Through our External Affairs Committee, we have adapted Ad House, a non-profit therapeutic center for adolescents ages 10 to 18, located at 13 - 15 Clinton Place in Newark. Ad House's goal is the prevention and rehabilitation of at-risk adolescents who have become involved with anti-social behavior. With the help of 100 Black Men of New Jersey, they have committed themselves to help reduce school drop-out rates, crime, delinquency and teen pregnancy in the City of Newark.

I would like to commend our External Affairs Committee for their continuing effort to make this project the success it has become.

We have not limited ourselves to our own organization. For example, over the past seven years, we have given annually to the United Negro College Fund. This year's contribution was \$5,000.

As an organization, we also touched upon an adventure overseas to the Motherland. I was the representative for our organization at the First African American Summit, a meeting designed to "build a bridge" between us and our brothers and sisters in the great land of our ancestors. A man who doesn't know where he came from, doesn't know where he is going.

The week I spent in Abidja, the Ivory Coast made a profound impact on me as an individual and on the organization's mission. I was honored to have represented our organization both nationally and locally, for it provided an even greater vision of our role and objectives economically and globally.

The year 1991 was a very exceptional one for our chapter, making me even more proud to serve as president of such a wondrous establishment of black businessmen who have not forgotten their roots and believe in "giving something back" to the communities that spawned them.

The New Jersey Chapter of 100 Black Men derived many tangible and intangible benefits this year from the programs we implemented. I only wish more members and others in our position could participate in such affairs to see the appreciation and mental growth of the youth we are involved with. After analyzing all our programs seeing the advancement of the youngsters, we have changed our motto from "An Organization That Can Make a Difference" to "An Organization That is Making a Difference".

Believing in the old African proverb, "It takes a whole village to raise a child", as the businessmen of our community, 100 Black Men of New Jersey are proud to accept the responsibility of leading our people into the future and setting a positive example for our youth.

Convention update from National President

by Myra Burks-Davis

The 1992 National Convention of 100 Black Men of America promises to focus on educational, political and economic empowerment, said Nathaniel R. Goldston 3rd, the organization's national president.

The civic group, noted for its vast array of mentoring programs, has invited some of the students who benefit from these programs to the June event to be held in San Francisco Marriott in California.

"This is the first convention where our students will attend, as well as hold a forum to tell us what their problems and obstacles are," said Goldston.

The five day program, June 10 to 14, will also address the group's formal adoption of a public housing community.

The organization will concentrate on enhancing police protection, literacy programs for parents and children, social and health services, cultural and community activities for inhabitants of the community.

The national group of 100 Black Men of America boasts a membership of about 3,300. There are 28 active chapters and eight interest groups.

"We expect to install at least 10 new chapters during 1992 and to have an even greater impact on the quality of life in our communities," Goldston said.



Nathaniel R. Goldston 3rd, National President of 100 Black Men of America

The Coalition of 100 Black Women

A message from President Myrtle Smith Counts

The 1980's were a period in which the National Coalition of 100 Black Women came into its own as a viable organization of political, economic and social rights for black women across the nation.

The New Jersey chapter of the Coalition of 100 Black Women recently celebrated a decade of service. During this past decade of change, the Coalition has participated in on-going programs to enhance the empowerment of its constituents, i.e., workshops on education, political action, international affairs, economic development, role models, and arts and culture.

The Coalition is also a sponsoring member of the Black Issues Conference, and a member of its Board of Directors. This has been a rewarding partnership. Our workshops have been on such topics as empowerment of black women, teen pregnancy, media, civil rights and wives of local black mayors. The past two years we have held workshops in conjunction with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority which exemplifies black women working together.

Supporting our own institutions

The organization that makes a difference also encourages economic empowerment within its own community, said William Giles, president of the 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Inc.

Giles, also chairman of EPC International Inc., a specialty advertising firm, knows the importance of doing business within your own community.

"Part of the economic plan of the 100 Black Men of New Jersey is to support black businesses," Giles said. The group's president said that was one reason they support Newark's City National Bank, the only African American owned commercial bank in the state.

Giles said supporting other civic or-

ganizations is also important to the 100 that should be supported.

"To be successful, we've all got to pull together to accomplish our goals."

William R. Giles

We work closely with the NAACP, the Urban League, various sororities and fraternities and some churches," he said. "To be successful, we've all got to pull together to accomplish our goals."

Giles pointed to the black press as a very crucial segment of our community

"I think we all should all subscribe to black publications, because the white press distorts the facts," he said. "I think City News is doing a wonderful job and we would be remiss if we didn't support it."

The civic organization is also firm on the importance of education to our communities. Its continual support of the United Negro College Fund is evidence of the stand they take on education. In the past

decade, the 100 Black Men of New Jersey have raised over \$500,000 dollars for the fund.

"The historically black colleges and universities need our help, and we are here to give something back to the black community," Giles said.

"Without the historically black colleges, the history of black America would be lost. We must continue to support their efforts of educating a nation," he said.

Giles said politics is something that effects all of us. "I think we need to work with politicians that are in our corner," he said. "Our success depends upon them supporting our goals."

100 Black Men of America Chapter Update

Across the nation there are 100 Black Men busy working to make a difference in their communities. This is just a sample of what they are doing:

• **ATLANTA Project Success** - A unique educational and mentoring program begun in 1987 for "at-risk" youth from the Perry Homes Housing Project. The program guarantees a post-secondary education for student participants. The program focuses on improving the academic skills of students, providing leadership skill development, stimulating an interest in culturally enriching activities, assisting with summer placement and developing a network for community and family based services. There are currently 35 student participants in colleges, technical schools and universities across America. Program expansion involves the development of 'community revitalization' plan along with hands-on initiatives at the elementary and high school levels of public education.

• **BAY AREA Economic Development Program** - Designed to rebuild urban areas in the Bay Area.

• **CHARLOTTE Movement of Youth** - This project is designed to provide a structured program offering mentoring, tutorial and cultural enrichment programs, as well as, neighborhood activities for 45 African American male youth. An academy will be established to offer expanded programs that cultivate the "minds, bodies and spirits" of these young men.

• **DEKALB COUNTY Leadership Academy for Black Males** - The academy is designed to address the crisis in which black males to learn and experience new survival techniques, environments and growth opportunities; and attempts to nurture achievement, provide support and enhance self-esteem.

• **INDIANAPOLIS Summer Jubilee Program** - Students from grades one to six participate in a June to August curriculum centered on improving their basic skills in math and reading combined with practical experience in a computer lab and physical education activities. **Beauvillain Militaire** - A rite of passage for black males in their junior or senior year of high school. This ceremony is preceded by months of intensive training in career selection, college success and a military drill program.

• **JACKSON Mentoring Program** - Designed to expose elementary to junior high school students to the career opportunities through the experiences of the membership. **100 Black Men of Jackson Scholarship** - This program identifies worthy yet needy black males who have demonstrated their interest in and pursuit of a post-secondary education. New Year's Eve Gala A fund-raiser that supports the scholarship program and has become known as the 'social event' of season in Jackson.

• **METRO ST. LOUIS Father/Child Brunch and Essay Contest** - This contest was established to encourage children's communication skills and to promote the much needed excellence of their heritage.

• **MARYLAND "It's Blackedemics"** - A quiz bowl for elementary and middle schools that allows students to compete based on their knowledge of current events. The competition takes place during African American Heritage Month. **Baltimore Adopt-A-School and Mentoring Program** - Designed to be partnership between the 100 Black Men and the selected elementary and/or middle school with members serving as mentors to the students. The program will include parents and administrative staff of the school.

• **MIDDLE TENNESSEE Teacher Assistance Program** - This program focuses on direct classroom involvement with young black male students in grade levels one through four. Members act as "teacher assistants" and become the positive black role models these children lack exposure to.

• **PENSACOLA Male Achievers Volunteer Program** - Designed to provide role models, tutoring, academic and social reinforcement for black male fifth-grade inner city youth to assist them in developing high self-esteem and an appreciation for the value of a good education. The ultimate goal is to provide experiences to help students become productive citizens. **Violence Prevention Curriculum for Adolescents** - A ten session program for secondary students designed to deal with violence between peers. To increase student awareness of the cause and effects of violence and the potential for becoming a victim. Offers students alternatives to reacting violently to conflict situations.

• **SOUTH METRO Partnership in Education** - In partnership with North Clayton Senior High School, this program is designed to encourage our youth to buy into the educational process. There is an agreement to provide scholarships for post-secondary education, mentors for students, and recognition for outstanding performance on the part of students and teachers.

It's Convention time again

SAN FRANCISCO — There are always more than 100 black men present when convention time rolls around.

The nationwide civic group will meet at the San Francisco Marriott from June 10 to 14 to discuss ways to increase empowerment in the areas of education, politics and economics.

This convention will also mark the first time students who have engaged in various programs the group sponsored have been invited to attend. Forums will be held in which the students will have a chance to tell their mentors what problems and obstacles they are faced with.

The organization will also formally adopt a public housing community known as "The Project." This adoption will entail efforts to enhance police protection and presence in the area, neighborhood economic development opportunities, social, medical and dental service delivery systems.

In the adoption of the public housing community, 100 Black Men will also develop literacy action for students and parents and the enhancement of cultural and community activities.



City News Publishing Company congratulates the 100 Black Men on their accomplishments and the tremendous service they provide in the community. As a member, I am proud to be part of a group of highly qualified black men who give selflessly of their time and other resources and who serve as role models for our future leaders.

Thank you for your support of our institutions particularly the black press. Let's strive together to communicate our issues and our achievements.

Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D.
Publisher

100 Black Men's youth scholar program receives national recognition

LOS ANGELES—The Young Black Scholars' Program, founded in 1986 by the Los Angeles Chapter of 100 Black Men, Inc., has received state and national acclaim, according to the organization's president, Warren Valdry.

"I am pleased beyond words with the success of our Young Black Scholars' Program and its expansion into the middle and elementary grades," Valdry said. "I am also particularly heartened by the support our program has earned from elected leaders throughout the state and nation."

Valdry said Gov. Wilson complimented the efforts of the program in his State of the State Address. Wilson pointed the program out as a model one designed to help motivate and educate youth for the future.

Today the program has no fewer than 36 additional co-sponsors among community-based organizations. Its goal is very simple. The program is designed to improve the academic performance of black high school students and increase the number of them that attend college and universities.

Statistics have clearly highlighted the alarming rate of academic underrepresentation in higher education of African Americans. They have also placed into sharp focus how academically underprepared these school students are. In 1983, only 3.6 percent of California African American high school graduates qualified for admission into the University of California. Moreover, a full third of all African American high school gradu-

ates during that year graduated with less than a "C" grade point average. Statistics for 1987 indicated only marginal improvement on these percentages and a continued decline in eligibility among black males.

To address this problem the Young Black Scholars' Program identifies, each year, a group of ninth graders and follows their progress through high school. YBSP conveys prestige for academic achievement and seeks to foster scholastic values which often run counter to peer pressures that denigrate academic success. The program also emphasizes college preparatory curriculum, as well as counseling for both students and their parents.

While participation in the program is entirely voluntary, students are required to enroll in college preparatory courses

and to maintain a "B" average in these courses. A network of academic support services exists to assist these students, including "Scholars' Club" on each high school campus, designed to provide tutorial and other support.

The Young Black Scholars' Program enjoys a working relationship with many school districts in Southern California, including those of Los Angeles, Compton, the ABC District, Pomona, Pasadena, and Santa Monica. Many private school students have also become participants in the program.

Currently, some 3,000 members of the classes of 1994 and 1995 are receiving services through the Young Black Scholars' Program.

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Mixed church group unites to focus on needs of urban communities

by Myra Burks-Davis

METUCHEN—The newly formed African American Church Institute recently received a grant of \$180,000 from the Eli Lilly Foundation to help them develop programs geared toward uplifting the black community, said Rev. Ronald Owens, chairman of the organization and pastor of Metuchen's New Hope Baptist Church.

Owens said the organization, which meets in Metuchen but is sponsored by the East Orange-based Council of Churches of New Jersey, is multi-denominational. He said it will develop programs to enhance economic empowerment, civic and church leadership programs in every major urban community in the state.

Owens said the institute used these

funds to help sponsor such recent events as the Economic Empowerment Expo given in March by the Second Baptist Church of Perth Amboy, which is pastored by Rev. Donald Hilliard. He said the April 9 New Brunswick expo sponsored by Rev. Buster Soaries and the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens also received funding from the African American Church Institute.

"We can no longer stand as individuals in the black community, because what can effect one group can effect another," the pastor said. "It doesn't matter if you're Muslim, Greek, African American or Italian God created all mankind."

He said programs like this are reflective of the black church's need to "address

the total needs of a person."

Owens said the church must now administer a "holistic ministry."

"When people are hungry, you can't tell them that God is going to take care of it," Owens said. "You should feed them and tell them it was God's grace that made it possible."

He said the church also must address the economic security of the flock and become advocates rallying to their aid. He said that was the purpose of the African American Church Institute and the economic empowerment expos being held.

"We want to highlight and expose the black entrepreneurs to let people know they exist and that they should support them," Owens said.

The pastor said African Americans do not keep their money in their own communities. He added that this behavior was what they hoped the expos would discourage.

He gave an example of a church member who told him that they were disappointed with the work a black plumber did, so they put down all black businesses. He said as consumers we must ask if we had the same disappointing experience with a white plumber, would we put down all white merchants, or give another one a chance?

Owens said the institute will be going directly into urban communities, meeting with their local leaders to determine what the needs are.

One hand finances the other

by Myra Burks-Davis

TRENTON—When Rev. S. Howard Woodson, Jr. decided, in the early 1970's, to rebuild Shiloh Baptist Church in its same urban blight-filled Trenton location, he said he did not think it would be easy to get financing.

"When I first came here, 46 years ago, it was difficult for churches to even get \$100,000 and it was even less for minority churches," Woodson said.

Since those times, Woodson said a greater partnership has developed between churches and financial institutions. When Shiloh Baptist Church was rebuilt in 1972 it was done under "far more welcome circumstances," he said.

"We got the money in 1972 without any problem and built a church valued at \$1 million," the pastor said.

As Woodson told the story, the former president of CoreStates New Jersey National Bank, Richard McGill, wrote a letter commending the congregation's decision to build their new structure in the inner-city. Woodson said to his pleasant surprise McGill offered the help of the bank to enable them to realize their goal.

"Here we were an inner-city church saying we believe in the community and will rebuild in the midst of what was creeping blight," Woodson said. "The bank's

decision to help us was like getting a shot in the arm that said they were interested in what we were doing."

Historically churches have had a tougher time getting money from banks because some institutions were concerned about what a church would use as collateral. Not all banks share that attitude, said Noreen Casey, vice president of CoreStates New Jersey National Bank Community Development Department.

"We see them as good customers and one's that we reach out to," she said. "Our experiences with churches has been extremely positive."

Casey said since minority churches have acted as cornerstones of their communities over the years, CoreStates NJNB has always seen them as an important stabilizing force that kept the community viable.

National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions' Church Outreach Coordinator Darcine Thomas said her New York-based organization is extremely interested in working with churches across the nation. She said their goal is to develop church-based credit unions as sources of capital and financial services in low and moderate income communities.

"In minority communities, the church has always had a leadership role in those

areas and in the financial industry church credit unions have the reputation of being sleeping giants," Thomas said.

She said an already established church credit union would benefit from her organization in several ways. "Many of them exist in isolation and we provide a newsletter, training sessions geared towards church credit unions, and assistance in computerizing their operations," she said.

Thomas said the federation is happy to work with existing and developing church credit unions. For information call (212) 513-7191.

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Black community's cornerstone

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professions previously closed to them, there has been an increase in the demand for educational credentials of the black preacher. Although preaching skills are still paramount to be an effective leader, the black preacher must also possess the educational fortitude acceptable to an increasingly well educated congregation.

The Development of Black Leadership:

Historically, the black church has been a major source of black leaders. It is through the development of effective leadership that the values of the community are perpetuated and the contributions of a society are enriched. Black preachers have been the inspiration of many in the black community and were the source of leadership during the civil rights era. Such leaders as the reverends Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesse Jackson, Ralph Abernathy, Jo-

seph Lowery, Fred Shuttlesworth, Wyatt T. Walker, Andrew Young, Adam Clayton Powell Jr., C.T. Vivian, Walter Fauntleroy, and Benjamin Hooks led marches, organized demonstrations and were routinely at the forefront of efforts to free black people from the injustices of a racial society.

The black preacher has been an effective leader in the community partly as a result of the numerous roles that he maintains. In addition to that of spiritual leader and conductor of worship services, the black preacher is expected to be a teacher, educator, personal confidant, and counselor. Their role includes being an orator within the church as well as within the community. In today's environment, black preachers must also be successful fund raisers and motivators if the black church is to meet the economic challenges of society.

The role of the black church in development (continued on page A-10)



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The light is always on at the Parrott house

by Myra Burks-Davis

NEWARK—What started over a decade ago as a street corner ministry has flourished under the loving care of a family of Pentecostal ministers and eager volunteers into the Lighthouse Community Services (LCS) of today.

It was founded in 1982 and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1989 by Bishop James W. Parrott, Sr. His son, Rev. Steven Parrott, is the executive director. The bishop's other five children including Mark, ordained ministers James and Joan also contribute to the shelter's ministry in a host of other roles.

The first meal of homemade cornbread and soup was served in 1980 by the Bishop's mother, wife, and sister-in-law. They began feeding a small group of about 20 hungry individuals three times a week, from noon until 2 p.m.

What started as a daily modest number of 20 people grew to 50. The number continued to grow until the count reached 757 people fed daily in December 1991.

In 1990, 134,477 meals were served and in 1991 126,752 meals were served to persons ranging from two to 90 years old.

Bishop Parrott and the Parrott family responded to the noticeable plight of hun-

gry unemployed, underemployed citizens and many who are forced to live on fixed incomes which place them painfully below the poverty line by literally feeding the flock. LCS became the house that poverty and the Parrotts' love for people built.

In January 1989, the Presbytery of Newark closed down the church's original home on Broad Street, which was an 136-year-old stone building in need of over \$300,000 worth of renovations. Steven and Joan Parrott went to Mayor Sharpe James for help and he told them to select a building. The current location, 487 Washington St., is where they chose to make the new home for Lighthouse. It is the largest provider of services to the homeless in the city of Newark.

Each weekday, a delicious nutritional meal is served. While at the facility, persons have access to medical and social services. There are facilities for showers and people receive clean donated clothing upon request. The facility is open 24 hours daily and 30 to 50 males are housed there.

"We have to start housing women and children overnight and weekends now," said Gloria Parsons, a British volunteer

who spends 30 hours a week serving as Parrott's executive administrative assistant, in regard to how the face of the homeless has changed over the five years she's been here.

Presently the county of Essex provides meat from the county kitchen. The Lighthouse provides the food staples, vegetables, pastries, and sometimes fruit and drinks through donations and purchases from the Community Food Bank.

LCS maintains a Good Neighbor Policy by networking with other community service organizations in providing workshops which further meet the needs of the community in vocational placement, educational assessment and training, determination of need for medical and/or social services, psychological counseling and referrals for substance abuse counseling.

A leadership partnership has been formed with in program C.A.P.E./Bethany Baptist Church. According to Steven Parrott, this is a life skills program that addresses the needs of life skills. It provides participants with basic information on how to prepare a resume, uplift self-esteem, read, enhance communication

skills, budget their finances, barbering, do window treatments. In addition, there is an after-school version which provides motivational interactions between adult volunteers and tutoring in school subjects.

LCS is unique because the majority of the work is done by volunteers. The spectrum of society. Youth, seniors, retired, part-time, executives, the homeless, all provide the volunteering of their time. Many community organizations provide team volunteers rounding out the program of offered services. Holidays such as Halloween, Christmas, Easter, etc. the doors of LCS are open to the children of the community providing parties and group activities. Community groups continue to use the facilities on an request basis.

For additional information regarding Lighthouse Community Services, call (201)802-1802 or 242-9806.

Community's cornerstone

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oping leadership is only partially evidenced by the functions of the black preacher. Many congregations place tremendous emphasis on active participation by its members, not only in worship, but in all church activities. Within the church a level of status is attained for those participating in church activities. Outside the church, public speaking and organizational skills are applied to the socialization process as well as other economic and political structures within the society.

Many black leaders publicly acknowledge their success as due in part to the training they received in the black church.

The contemporary black church continues to play a vital role in the development of black leaders. Women are increasingly being recognized for their leadership capabilities and the contributions they have made within the church and community. And, with the ever mounting statistics on the plight of the black male, the church is a source of positive role models for young blacks. Finally, with the erosion of values within the society, it is the role of the black church to lead the community and restore the basic values of pride, faith, and charity.

Many of the ills of society have been sustained due to the failure of the black community to be more pro-active in curing them. Since the civil rights era, the black church has remained relatively silent, as it was following reconstruction. There has been more focus on fund raising activities to build and support great edifices than on the individual housing needs of the poor and homeless. Planning and attending conferences consumes more time

than educating young people on black history. The black church must regain its position as a visible leader in the black community.

The role of the black church must continue to focus on education. Many within the black community have become content on delegating all educational responsibilities to a public school system, which in some communities places no emphasis on black history. Students are conditioned with curriculums orchestrated by and for predominantly white constituents. The black church must reclaim the role of educating black youth, such that the foundations laid by their forefathers can be acknowledged by future generations. Herodotus said "a society that does not study its history, is condemned to repeat it."

Finally, the black church must become more prudent with their investments of economic resources. The black church manages financial resources which must in turn be invested back into the financial resources which must in turn be invested back into the black community. Black owned business still represents less than three percent of all business within the United States and account for less than two percent of gross receipts of all U.S. firms. By leveraging real estate, establishing credit unions, and other initiatives the black church can be the catalyst of positive changes in these statistics.

The black church has been and always should be the source of inspiration and religious guidance for the community. It is time that the historical role of the black church is reassessed for practical application in today's community.

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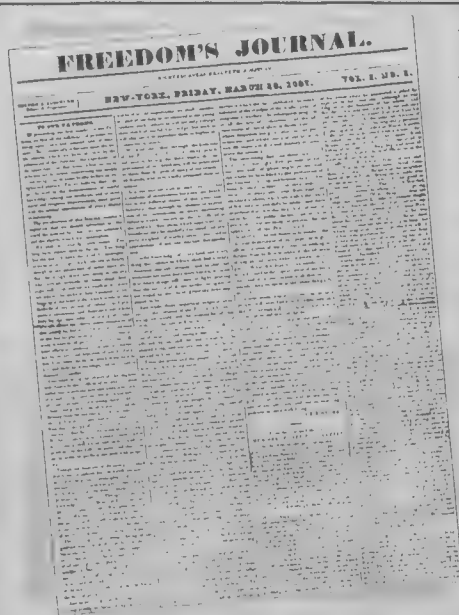
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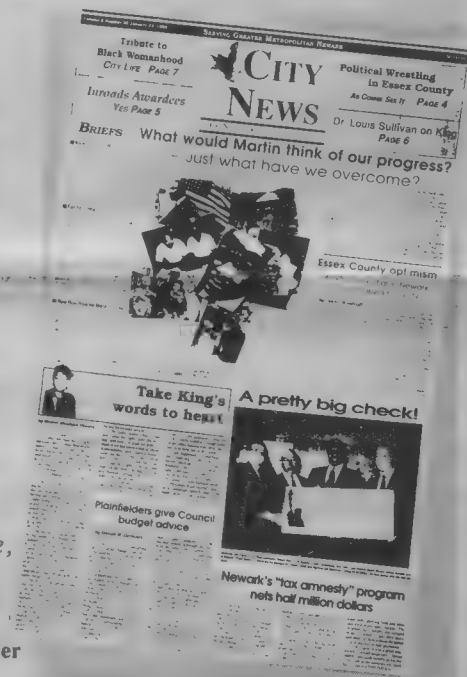
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Do not forget the work of the church

Excerpts from the 1990 Second Annual Presidential Address at the General Baptist State Convention Congress of Christian Education

by Sylvia A. Brown

"Where there is no vision, the people perish," said Proverbs 29:18.

What kind of vision does a homeless person, a drug addict, an unwed mother or a prostitute have?

The list of the disadvantaged is endless. The plight of these individuals has been and is constantly being brought before us. Just turn on your television set. They are all around us in all of our communities. What are we, the church doing about it? Can these individuals look to the church as a source of strength or as even a partial solution to their dilemma? Do we have any workable programs? Most of us here tonight would have to hang our head and answer no. Our priorities for too long have strayed from that which the Lord intended it to be.

Joel 2:28 says, "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

What group of people are better equipped and qualified to make a positive impact upon the issues of home missions, education, social action and evangelism — than the church? Many would have you still believe that the church is the building we worship in, but anyone truly born again and regenerated knows that the church is a living organism. We are Christ's hands and feet, and we are commanded to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, the poor, look after the widows and children.

Today we are so busy with church work that we have forgotten the work of the church. Namely saving souls and reaching out to help those in need.

We know the word, we read it all the time, but are we obedient? James 1:22 tells us - "But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." We are God's own people.

No, Christians are not ordinary people, it is time we were about our Father's business.

One day we will be asked what we have done. We won't be able to stretch the truth, exaggerate and brag like we have a tendency to do now. We will be standing before God and he knows all about us.

We shouldn't have to go to a detective agency to find churches in our state that programs that could deal effectively with the issues that confront us in the 1990's. There should be so many churches to choose from that we would have to draw lots to see which names we would send in. The Lord wants us all to shoulder the load. There are too many bench members who are willing to sit idly by and let a few do the work of the church.

Some people are willing to do anything, but watch out when you start talking about their resources. Now you have gone to meddling, because I worked hard to get what I have and it's mine, all mine.

Today we are only asked to share some of our resources with others and we find this hard to do.

To effect a cure for most of our social ills, resources are definitely needed. The last issue of evangelism doesn't take resources, you don't have to have any special field of expertise — just a sincere commitment to God's Word. We can all quote St. Matthew 28:19-20 by heart, even if we don't know where in the bible it comes from.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Now is the time to witness, any time, any place and anywhere. Even if you couldn't talk you could still witness - with your life. A sinner may never pick up a bible, but he can read the way you live.

The rise of Black churches in Bergen County

by Arnold Brown

Bergen County records indicate that as far back as 1775, religious leaders were among the slave population.

For example, an escaped slave notice for two of Major James Marcus Prevost's slaves named Mark and Jenney indicated that they ran away from the Ho Ho Kus Hermitage plantation in September 1774. It also said they had been seen in Indian dress escaping to New England. The notice described Jenney as rather lusty, with a cast in one eye, bad teeth, smooth-tongued and very

During this period most African American slaves attended their masters' churches. Small farmers, who owned

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one or two slaves, took them to church with them. They would sit in the rear of the church. If there was no room, then they would sit in the gallery. Small farmers usually had a close personal relationship with their slaves because they worked together on the farm. Often slaves lived in the house with the farmer and his family. They lived in the kitchen, attic or in some cases the cellar. On larger farms the slaves lived in separate cabins in back of the house beyond the gate or wall. In these compounds the slaves were able to retain their African heritage longer than those on smaller farms. The slaves would gather under the trees and engage in their religious ceremonies.

Evidence of West African religious burial practices have been found in Bergen County. In Little Ferry's Gethsemane Cemetery, clay pipes were placed in several graves. According to Congo cosmology, these pipes were to

provide a way for the deceased to communicate with the upper world.

The Reformed Dutch Church's records show baptisms of African American children as early as the 1600's. In fact the Reformed Dutch Church at Hackensack, now known as the Church on the Green, was founded by a free African American and 32 whites.

Most of the Reformed Dutch churches in Bergen County made provisions for African Americans, slave and free, to sit in the rear or up in the gallery. The African Americans were treated as intruders in the church and were not welcomed by a majority of the congregation.

The Methodist church was different. It took an early stand against slavery and for equality of man. It was the first church in East Jersey to speak out against slavery and actively seek African American members. In fact Bishop Asbury of the Methodist church had a traveling companion named Harry Dosier, an African American who would preach when Bishop Asbury was tired or indisposed.

They traveled mostly in West Jersey. Black Harry, as he was called, may have been living in Saddle River Township in 1776 when the census recorded a "Black Harry." Some say that Black Harry was the best preacher of the day. He possessed a most musical voice which he could modulate with the skill of a master. Harry could not read but he could remember passages of Scripture

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and quote them accurately. Hymns which he heard he could repeat or sing. He was accepted wherever he went.

In the Methodist Episcopal church religious instruction was given in classes like today's Sunday school. The white Methodist Episcopal Church set up separate colored classes for African Americans. In some instances, African Americans were allowed to act as class leaders. However, most of the time the colored classes had white leaders.

In 1845, William Thompson and 28 other African Americans were attending the white Methodist Episcopal Church at Palisade, New York. They were put in a separate colored class and Thompson was selected by the minister to be the class leader. The records of the church show that they attended the church until 1856. That was the same year Thompson deeded a lot on Closter Mountain (Alpine) to Joseph Oliver, Nicholas Thompson and John Courtwright, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Colored People of the

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artful. Mark was described as a slow speaking preacher who was short, black and well-set.

Preacher Mark may have been Bergen County's first African American preacher. The owner offered a ten dollar reward for the recapture of Mark and Jenney.

"Mark's congregation, in 1774, was the forerunner of the Dunkerhook Road Church in Paramus which served the Negro community for more than a century," said Richard W. Lenk, Jr. in his dissertation written in 1968 entitled "Hackensack, New Jersey, From Settlement To Suburb 1686 to 1804."

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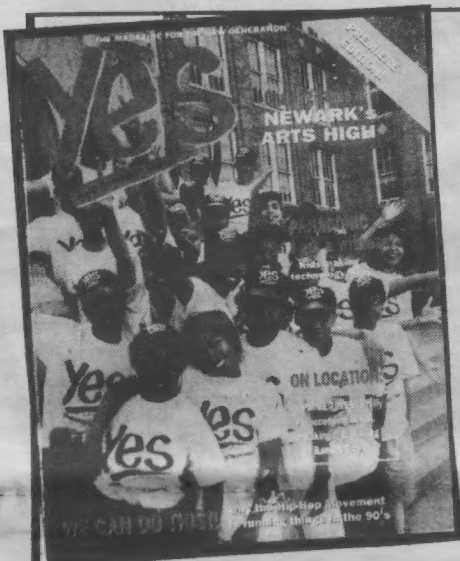
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The Rise of Black Churches in Bergen County

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Township of Harrington
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This church, sometime called Skunk Hollow, continued at Closter Mountain. A few years later it moved to Sparkill, New York where it was known as the Swamp Church. Finally in 1865, the congregation built another church in Sparkill that stands today as St. Charles African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. However this was not the first African American church in Bergen County.

In the Northern part of the county, near the Ramapo Mountains, was a community of mountain people that were racially mixed including African Americans, Indians, and whites. These mountain people would travel from Oakland to Ringwood to hold prayer services in the homes of Christian friends as early as 1850.

After many years of this they received as a gift from John Cooney De Grote, affectionately called Uncle Cooney, a small building that had served as a one room school. Mr. De Grote, who was employed by H.O. Havemeyer, had received this building from his employer. Uncle Cooney at first intended to use the building for a barn but he had a change of heart.

In 1857, with this building as a church, the mountain people established John Wesley Chapel of Darlington. The dedication services were held on January 20, 1857. In 1876, the church was forced to move because they only had squatters' rights. It moved further back in the mountains to a place called Green Mountain Valley across the Ramapo River. The church was built on a lot given to them by Chapman De Grote.

The church joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church conference at this time and they renamed the church Green Valley African Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1904, the church joined the A.M.E. Zion conference and changed its name to Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

They decided, in 1905, after being pressured by the Estate of H.O. Havemeyer, to disassemble their church building in Green Mountain Valley and move the congregation to Grove Street in West Mahwah where it stands today. It is the oldest African American Church in Bergen County.

In 1958, the church established a local chapter of the NAACP at the church. It was very active during the civil

rights struggle in the 1950's and 1960's. It has been active in housing issues, education and health concerns for Mahwah's mountain people.

In 1977, the Mahwah Historical Society presented it with a plaque designating the church as a historical site. Today Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion church has a small congregation. It regularly worships each and every Sunday.

The A.M.E. Zion church movement spread to Lodi in 1859 and to Montvale in 1863 under the name of St. Mark. It is now called New St. Mark and is located in Westwood.

The John Wesley Methodist Church, today an independent A.M.E. church, was originally founded in 1893 as the John Wesley African Union Methodist Protestant Church.

In the late 1860's, a Baptist Chapel was established in Bergen Fields near Tenafly by Francis Jackson. The land upon which the church was built was owned by Jackson, a former slave in Bergen County. It is said that this church disbanded in the 1890's.

The next Baptist church established was Mount Olive Baptist Church in Hackensack in 1889. It is the oldest African American Baptist Church in Bergen County. There soon developed many more Baptist churches.

Today the African American Baptist Church here in Bergen County accounts for more than 50 percent of all African American churches.

The only African American Presbyterian Church in Bergen County is Englewood's Bethany Presbyterian Church founded in 1917. The St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church in Hackensack founded in 1925 is the only African American Episcopal church in the county. The First Seventh Day Adventist Church was started in Englewood in the 1920's by Rev. McLeod.

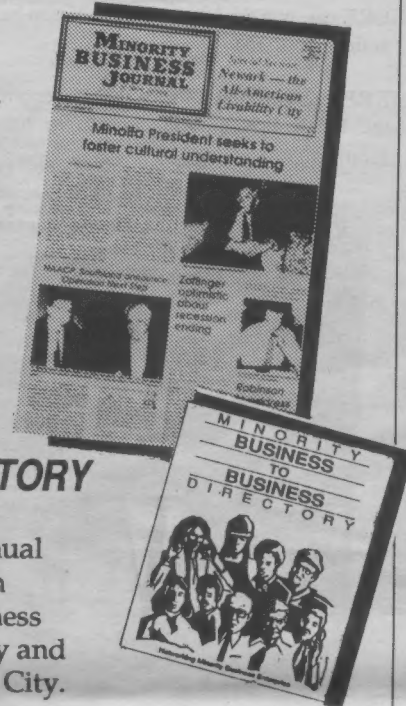
There are now approximately 40 African American churches of almost every denomination in Bergen County. There is also a sizeable African American representation in the congregations of white churches in the county.

African American churches in Bergen County have led civil rights marches and demonstrations. They have been in the forefront of the fight against police brutality, job discrimination, drug and alcohol abuse and teenage pregnancy. The African American Church is the heart, mind and soul of the African American community.

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